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CHOOSE COMMITTEES FOR LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE

Logansport Press 1-31-27

Joseph G. Long, Cass county chairman of the Lincoln Memorial committee, yesterday announced the various committees which will assist with the drive to be started in Logansport and vicinity in the next few days. According to Mr. Long, it is expected to complete the campaign by February 18.

The committees follow:

City Chairman—Marion Flory.

Publicity committee—A. M. Groves, chairman. Harry McSheehy.

List committee—W. O. Fiedler, chairman; Frank Amoss, Ed Hoyt.

Special gift committee—Bill Zerbe, chairman; W. H. Jone, Carl Rehm.

Township committees:

Jefferson township—Ross Gibson, R. 10, city; Clinton, Robert O. Justice, R. 12; El, J. S. Cline, R. 1 city; Tipton, E. E. Phillips, Walton; Washington, John M. Cantley, R. 2 city; Deer Creek, Lora Wilson, R. 2, Galveston; Jackson, R. 9, Montgomery, Wal-

ton; Boone, Frank Hand, Royal Center; Harrison, W. Y. Walker, R. 2, Lucerne; Bethlehem, Eg. Smith, R. 4 city; Adams, Thurman G. Murden, R. 5, city; Miami, Adelbert M. Walker, R. 11 city; Clay, Fred D. Carson, R. 4, city; Noble, A. O. Brandt, R. 4, Royal Center.

T. B. Miller has been appointed assistant to County Chairman Long.

Thursday evening at 6:30 a banquet will be given at the Bearss hotel, Peru, at which time plans for starting the campaign will get under way. Judge Hurst has written to the members of the various committees to be present at the banquet. Announcement was made that no subscriptions would be solicited at the banquet and no charge will be made to those who attend.

Transportation will be furnished all those who care to go.

In some far northern climates, tin left outdoors in cold weather turns to gray powder.

SCHORTEMEIER EXTOLS VIRTUES OF LINCOLN AT PERU MEETING

Peru, Ind., Feb. 11.—Frederick A. Schortemeier, secretary of state, was the principal speaker at the Lincoln day banquet given here last evening under auspices of the Miami County Republican Club. The meeting, held in the basement of the Methodist church was one of the most largely attended of its kind ever held in the city.

Russell Rhodes was chairman on the committee on arrangements and Frank Stutesman acted as toastmaster. Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock and the speaking followed.

Marion Flory, county auditor of Cass county, gave a short talk on Lincoln and incidentally invited the Peru Republicans and others to attend a similar event in Logansport next Monday evening.

Mr. Schortemeier, in his address, extolled the virtues of Lincoln and gave his history from the time of his young manhood until he became president.

"Lincoln was a man of high ideals," said Mr. Schortemeier. "He was a party man, but he believed in the principle of government of the people, by the people and for the people. The nation was fortunate in having such a man as Lincoln to guide its destinies through the Civil war.

"What he did to preserve the Union is well known. There is not a child, hardly, who does not know the great good Abraham Lincoln accomplished and it is perfectly fitting and proper that we celebrate the anniversary of his birth as you are doing here tonight.

"I trust that Indiana will come to the front, now that the project has been started, and erect a suitable memorial to the memory of his great man. The formative years of his life were spent in Indiana; it was here in this state that he grew to young manhood and we Indians should do something to show our appreciation."

Mr. Schortemeier was asked to come here and deliver the address after the committee had been informed that Stanley Coulter, former dean of Purdue university, could not be present on account of illness.

Several other short talks were made and Mr. Flory told of the efforts that were being put forth

in Cass county to raise funds to build a Lincoln memorial in the southern part of the state.

After the meeting announcement was made that a large delegation would attend the Cass county event next Monday.

Those from Logansport present were Ed M. Hoyt, Charles E. Harold, Mrs. Lulu Byers and son Robert and County Auditor Marion Flory. *Logan Press - 2-22-27*

WORKERS WILL MEET IN PERU

Lincoln Shrine Men And
Women Plan To
Attend

Arrangements have been completed for the dinner and meeting to be held in the Presbyterian church at Peru Thursday evening by workers for the Lincoln Memorial. Judge Hurd J. Hurst, district chairman will preside. Joseph G. Long, Cass county chairman, and Marion Flory, city chairman, will attend from Logansport in addition to a number of team captains and workers.

Dr. Lewis A. Warren, who is assisting Frank C. Ball of Muncie, state chairman, will also be present and deliver an illustrated lecture on Lincoln.

One week from Thursday night a Victory dinner will be held in Peru. The drive for funds is expected to be completed by that time. Some of the local workers will go to Peru on the interurban while others will drive. Accommodations will be furnished for those who have no way of going.

DRIVE TO OPEN

The Lincoln memorial campaign in Peru will begin this evening with a meeting of the colonels and captains at the Presbyterian church at 6:30. W. F. Russell is the general of the campaign and Harry Allen and Jess Stevens are the two colonels. The entire town will be canvassed. *Logan Press - 2-22-27*

Peru I SECRETARY OF STATE GIVES CHIEF SPEECH

Republicans of Peru and Miami
County Gather at Annual Feast
and Program.

PERU, Feb. 11.—Republicans of Miami county and admirers of the Great Emancipator extolled Abraham Lincoln at a special program held last night at the Methodist church. The event was the annual Lincoln day gathering of the county.

In the absence of Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue university, who was unable to attend on account of illness. Frederick E. Schortemeier, secretary of state, delivered the chief address. The state officer started his talk by pointing out that Lincoln was a man of high ideals and by following those ideals he accomplished honor for both himself and his country. He was not only a party man, Schortemeier declared, but believed in government of the people, by the people and for the people. The speaker further pointed out that Lincoln's deeds in preserving the nation are known to all school children and that celebration of his birthday aids in keeping before the public his greatness.

Schortemeier called upon the people to aid in the movement to erect a shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Indiana.

Frank Stutesman presided at the session last night and introduced the speakers of the evening. Among those who talked was Marion Flory, Cass county auditor, and a co-worker in the Lincoln memorial movement. Others present from Logansport were Mrs. Lulu Byers, county clerk, Mrs. Marion Flory and son Robert, Ed. Hoyt, city treasurer, and Charles Herrell, Eel township trustee.

FARMER IN HINDER

Indiana Pays Tribute to Mother of Lincoln; Aviator Drops Ode at Grave of Nancy Hanks

LINCOLN CITY, Ind., May 7 (AP).—Mothers' Day, officially set for tomorrow, was commemorated here today in honor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Gathered at the grave of the mother of the Emancipator, the Executive Committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union pledged itself to build a national shrine in honor of the mother who, despite the handicaps of a pioneer life, molded the character of Abraham Lincoln.

An aviator, flying low over the grave and cabin site, dropped this message:

To the manes of Nancy Hanks Lincoln:

The men and women of today are here beside your grave among the guarding trees to make their vow, your name shall never die. And to their praise we add our tribute from the sky.

We are the artificers of the past, whose handicraft has gained the

praise of men. With stone and clay, with brush and pen, we wrought to leave expressions of the truth we found. But you, you dared to take a living child, a plastic infant mind, to mold into a soul of love, an instrument divine. Your genius used an art that ours was mean beside.

To you, then, master artist, we send our word of praise. Through devious paths that masked the way you led with kindly hand a child into the light of truth and made an honest man.

Addressing the spirit of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in the name of the mothers of Indiana, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, President of the union, laid a wreath upon the grave, saying:

"Here at your altar on this peaceful knoll, mother of Lincoln, we pause today to meditate upon the thought that from this humble environment your influence, through your immortal son, has radiated around the world—a challenge to motherhood."

FUND BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

See 1/21/18 Tribune
Announcement was made yesterday that a meeting of the Lincoln Memorial committee would be held in the Rose Room of the Barnes hotel Friday night, at which time plans for the drive for Cass county's quota of funds will be outlined. It is hoped to complete the drive by Feb. 18.

This evening members of the local county and township committees will go to Peru to attend a banquet given in the Bearss hotel. A part of the delegation will go on the 5:18 interurban car while others will go by automobile. Cars will leave the court house about 5 o'clock.

redrick To Be Guest Of Honor at Banquet

PERU, Ind., Feb. 1.—J. E. Fredrick of Kokomo, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will be a guest of honor at a banquet of the Indiana Lincoln Union to be held at the Bearss hotel here tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock. It is probable that Mr. Fredrick will be on the program, it was announced. About forty men, from Cass, Carroll, Wabash, Howard and Miami counties will attend the dinner. *Kokomo Tribune*

Bigler To Attend Lincoln Dinner

Wabash Citizen
Warren Bigler, county chairman of the Lincoln memorial union, will attend the dinner at the Bearss hotel in Peru tonight, along with several others from Wabash who are interested in the project. The dinner will be for those who are to assist in organizing the fifth district for the memorial drive.

Judge Hurd J. Hurst, district chairman, will preside, and an illustrated lecture on Lincoln's life in southern Indiana will be one of the features of the evening. Norman C. Buck, state director, will be present and give instructions about the details of the campaign.

The following county chairmen will be present with about a dozen men from their respective counties: Willis B. Dye, Howard county; Joseph Long, Cass county; George W. Julien, Carroll county; Fred Smick, Miami county and Warren Bigler, Wabash county.

MEET AT PERU THIS EVENING

Logan Jones 11/2/28
**Lincoln Memorial Union
To Be Further Or-
ganized Tonight.**

Peru, Ind., Feb. 2.—Instruc-
tions and details relative to the
organization of the Fifth District
of the Indiana Lincoln Union, of
which Judge Hurd J. Hurst is
chairman, will be given at a ban-
quet for the campaign workers to
be held at the Barnes hotel here
tonight.

An illustrated lecture on Lin-
coln's pioneer life in southern In-
diana will be a feature of the
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director, will outline details of
the campaign to organize the
union.

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senting counties in the Fifth Dis-
trict will be present at the ban-
quet tonight: Fred Smuck, Mi-
ami county; Joseph Long, Cass
county; George W. Julien, Car-
roll county, and Willis B. Dye,
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Republican 1-3-38

LINCOLN UNION DINNER.

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OTHER SCHMITZ AT POT...

HURST LINCOLN CHAIRMAN HERE

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LONG IS CHAIRMAN OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL 1/27 DRIVE IN COUNTY

Sagan & Sons Tribune
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Joseph Long, city, will represent Cass county; Willis B. Dye, Kokomo; Howard county; Fred Smuck, Peru; Miami county, and Warren Bigler, Wabash, Wabash county.

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JUDGE HURST OF PERU CHAIRMAN OF LINCOLN DRIVE

PLANS TO BUILD SUITABLE MEMORIAL AT LINCOLN

CITY, IND.
No. Manchester Herald 1-24-28

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WILLIS J. DYE ON LINCOLN BOARD

Kokomo Man Named to Serve
On Memorial Committee
By Judge Hurd Hurst

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The territory adjacent to the grave will be acquired with the funds now being raised and the state of Indiana will become custodian of the Memorial when it has been erected. The total cost of the enterprise is estimated at \$1,260,000. *Kokomo Press-Examiner*

JOSEPH LONG HEADS GROUP

Logansport Press
1/24/25

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Lincoln's Double Visits City; May Speak Here

Abraham Lincoln, in the person of Judge Charles Edward Bull of Hollywood, Calif., paid an unheralded visit to the city building Tuesday afternoon and had both city and courthouse employees rubbing their eyes to make certain they had not seen a ghost.

The tall, gaunt figure, bushy hair, deep brown beard and high black hat and all entered the office of City Clerk Oliver Tobias and asked that astounded gentleman if he might put through a long distance telephone call to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Association, in Indianapolis.

Bull explained that he was on his way to Valparaiso, in company with two state policemen to deliver his first address in behalf of the proposed \$1,500,000 memorial to Lincoln and his mother at Lincoln City and that he would be unable to reach his destination owing to the inclement weather. He wished to inform the state headquarters of the association that it would be impossible for him to fill his speaking contract.

"Lincoln's" brief visit, however, will not be his last in Kokomo, according to a statement made by Willis B. Dye, chairman in Howard

county for the Lincoln Memorial Association. Mr. Dye said that every effort will be made to have the impersonator talk here as part of his speaking schedule throughout the state.

Bull is conceded to be the best likeness without makeup of Abraham Lincoln of anyone in the United States. He depicted the famous war president in the motion picture "Abraham Lincoln." His stop here terminated when he boarded an early train for Indianapolis.

Peru Tribune - 1-26-28

Organizer of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial—Kentucky, Illinois and Washington city have spent millions for memorials to Abraham Lincoln, but Indiana(the state in which he spent 14 years of his life) has only a cheap marble slab marking the place of his boyhood.

JUDGE HURST CHOSEN.

Is Chairman of Fifth District of
the Indiana Lincoln Union. 1-27-28

Judge Hurd J. Hurst, of this city, has been chosen fifth district chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Union, organized to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's boyhood spent in this state, Arthur F. Hall, of Fort Wayne, area chairman, has announced. The fifth district is composed of Miami, Carroll, Cass, Howard and Wabash counties.

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Plans for a memorial surrounded by an adequate park and with stately and impressive approaches, have been prepared. The plans have official approval and to realize will cost, it is estimated nearly \$1,260,000. *Peru Rep.*

BIRTHS IN PERU

Common Journal
1-27-28

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LINCOLN UNION ORGANIZES.

Peru Local organization of the Indiana Lincoln Union of which Judge Hurd J. Hurst is district chairman, and Fred Smuck, chairman of Miami County, has begun to set up its organization for the forthcoming campaign.

John Mitchener, local Y. M. C. A. secretary, has been selected as chairman of the list committee. Noah Murphy is chairman of the committee on special gifts, and Hal C. Phelps will look after publicity.

Township chairmen will be selected this week, and the campaign should be well under way by the first of February. 7-27-28

IS CHAIRMAN OF MEMORIAL

Logan Press 1/29/27
**George Julien Is Named
For Carroll County;
News and Comment**

Delphi, Ind., Jan. 29—Attorney George Julien of Delphi, has accepted the honor of conducting the drive for the Nancy Hanks Memorial in Carroll county, which will be started soon. Judge Hurst Hurd of Peru is district chairman and Frank C. Ball, of Muncie, is state chairman. Prominent attorneys in other counties have accepted the county chairmanship in their counties.

Indy News & Comment

LINCOLN UNION COMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Wabash Plan

Warren Bigler Is Named As
Chairman; Selects His
Co-Workers

Wabash Plan

In order that Indiana may erect a suitable memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln a state-wide organization has been formed to form the means of raising the funds necessary by contributions from the public and special gifts of those who have a special pride in the part of Lincoln in Indiana history.

The committee for Wabash county has been named with Warren Bigler as chairman. The remainder of the committee is comprised of A. F. Tweedy, lists; H. M. Gamble, special gifts; Dr. P. G. Moore, publicity; Marion F. Adams, Chester township; Everett Printy, Lagro township; Roy Galloway, Liberty township; Charles O'Signs, Pleasant township; Don Van Buskirk, Paw Paw township; Ed Deal, Waltz township; Ellis Bloomer, Noble township.

The state president is Frank C. Ball with Richard Lieber as chairman. The executive committee. The executive committee is composed of prominent Hoosiers from all parts of the state. The plan of the Lincoln Union is to erect an imposing memorial in Spencer county where Lincoln lived as a boy for 14 years.

Lincoln Union Planning Drive

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COMMITTEES CHOSEN FOR LINCOLN SHRINE CAMPAIGN IN CASS

Logan
Personnel of committees which will conduct the Lincoln Memorial drive in Cass county have been named by Joseph Long, county chairman, and follows:

City Chairman: Marion Flory.
Special gift committee: William Zerbe, chairman, W. H. Jones and Carl Rehm.

List committees: W. O. Fidler, chairman, Frank Amoss and Ed. Hoyt.

Publicity committee: C. W. Groves, chairman, H. J. McSheehy and Allen Sauers.

Township chairmen:

Jefferson, Ross Gibson; Clinton, Robert Justice; Eel Slate Cline; Washington, John McCarthy; Tipton, E. E. Phillips; Deer Creek, Lora Wilson; Jackson, Ross Montgomery; Boone, Frank Hand; Harrison, Walter Walker; Bethlehem Eagle Smith; Adams, F. G. Murden Miami, A. M. Walker; Clay, Fred Carson; Noble, A. O. Brandt.

A big banquet will be held at the Bearss hotel at Peru Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. No charge or solicitation will be made at this affair.

LOCAL GROUP TO ATTEND MEETING

^{Kokomo Dispatch}
District Gathering of Lincoln
Memorial Workers at
Peru Feb. 2 /-3/-28

Willis B. Dye, Howard county chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial campaign, expects to take a good sized delegation to Peru Thursday evening, February 2, to attend a dinner for workers throughout this district, which will be served at the Bearss hotel there at 6:30 o'clock. The counties of this district of the drive organization comprise Carroll, Cass, Miami, Wabash and Howard. Judge Hurd J. Hurst, of Peru, is the district chairman.

County Organization.

Mr. Dye has just completed his county organization, as follows:

Greentown—Charles Hamer chairman.

Russiaville—Howard M. Brubaker, chairman.

Publicity committee—C. V. Haworth, chairman, J. A. Kautz, Lester Gifford, Ed. M. Souder, R. T. Schwartz, Henry Rohmer.

Township Chairmen.

Honeycreek township—Glen H. Newby, chairman, R. F. D. Russiaville.

Ervin township—Harvey O. Lybrook, chairman, R. F. D. No. 4, Russiaville.

Howard township—Will J. Norton, chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, ton, chairman, R. F. D. No. 5, Kokomo.

Jackson township—Guy Puckett, chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Greentown.

Taylor township—George A. Githens, chairman, R. F. D. No. 8, Kokomo.

Monroe township—Glen Haworth, chairman, R. F. D. Russiaville.

Clay township—William Miller, chairman, R. F. D. Kokomo.

Liberty township—Glen Weisenauer, chairman, R. F. D. Greentown.

Union township—Arlie M. Farlington, chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Greentown.

Harrison township—W. R. Philipy, chairman, West Middleton.

Center township—Ellis M. Learner, chairman, Kokomo.

Mr. Dye asks that the township organization members meet at the Dye Lumber yard on Thursday afternoon around 4:30 o'clock, and all surplus cars will be stored so that only the number of automobiles necessary need make the trip to Peru.

Mr. Dye is quite enthusiastic concerning the memorial campaign, and recalls a personal experience he had in connection with the laying of the Hodgenville, Ky., Lincoln memorial. Concerning this he related:

"Some twenty years ago I had the pleasure of attending the cornerstone laying of the Lincoln Memorial at his birthplace just out from Hodgenville. Theodore Roosevelt was president at that time and gave the principal address and Clarence Mack, president of the Postal Telegraph company was the general chairman in charge of raising funds for the building of this Memorial at Lincoln's birthplace.

"One of Kokomo's men who attended the cornerstone laying in an official capacity was Fay Byers who was then chief train dispatcher for Illinois Central Railroad company at Louisville, Ky., and he personally had charge of all of the special trains in and out of Hodgenville that day. I recall that I returned with him on the last special into Louisville."

TO HONOR LINCOLN

MEMORIAL PLANS TO BE MADE KNOWN AT DISTRICT MEETING AT PERU.

Kokomo Tribune 1-31-28
Plans for proceeding with the project of building a memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, in Spencer county, will be made known to the appointed committees of the Fifth District in northern Indiana next Thursday evening at a dinner to be served in the Bearsse hotel in Peru at 6:30. A feature of the evening program will be an illustrated address on "Lincoln the Hoosier," showing over forty pictures of the Lincoln homes and environments. The program has been arranged for representatives from the counties of Carroll, Cass, Howard, Miami and Wabash, which comprise the Fifth district territory in charge of Chairman Judge Hurd J. Hurst of Peru.

Willis B. Dye, chairman for the Howard county organization has informed all county appointees there will be no solicitation whatever for funds at this meeting, which is solely for the purpose of acquainting the various chairmen with the activities of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Union. It is the desire of Chairman Dye to have all of the township chairmen gather at the lumber yard on South Union street around four-thirty or five o'clock when arrangements will be made to store all automobiles not actually needed for the trip to the Peru meeting.

Appointment of township chairmen in Howard county has been completed and announced as follows: Clay, William H. Miller, R. F. D. Kokomo; Center, Ellis M. Learner, Kokomo; Harrison, W. R. Philapy, West Middleton; Honey Creek, Glen H. Newby, R. F. D. Russiaville; Howard, Will J. Norton, R. F. D. Kokomo; Ervin, Harvey O. Lybrook, R. F. D. Russiaville; Jackson, Guy Pickett; R. F. D. Greentown; Liberty, Glen Weisenauer, R. F. D. Greentown; Monroe, Glen Haworth, R. F. D. Russiaville; Taylor, George A. Bithens, R. F. D. Kokomo; Union, Arlie M. Farrington, R. F. D. Greentown. City chairman; Greentown, Charles Hamer; Russiaville, Howard M. Brubaker. Committee on publicity: C. V. Haworth, chairman; J. A. Kautz, Lester C. Gifford, Ed M. Souder, R. T. Schwartz and Henry Rohmer.

LINCOLN'S INDIANA ADDRESS 1-31-28

It is not generally known that Lincoln delivered a very telling address in Indiana in 1859, proceeding his nomination for the presidency. The record of this address has been resurrected as the result of the revival of interest in Lincoln, which has been brought about by the movement to erect an imposing memorial in Spencer County, where he lived for fourteen years, and where his mother lies buried.

Not only did Lincoln live in Indiana for fourteen years, but he returned to the state in 1844 during the campaign of Henry Clay and in 1859, and again in 1861 on his way to be inaugurated at Washington.

Always he referred affectionately to his boyhood state. The Daily Journal of September 20, 1859, thus recounts Lincoln's appearance in Indianapolis on the proceeding day:

"Masonic Hall was crowded last night to hear the champion of Republicanism in Illinois, in his first effort in this city or state. And it was an effort worthy of his high reputation. It was one of the most thorough dissections of the misrepresentations of his own and of Republican views ever witnessed anywhere. A good portion of it was devoted to the perversion, which Mr. Douglas had made a sort of Democratic tenet, of the idea expressed by himself in regard to the irreconcilable conflict between slavery and freedom, and to the fallacy that the founders of the Government intended to establish a balance between these elements.

"The conclusion was a very telling comment on Mr. Douglas' 'rule of three', which said Mr. Lincoln, made a crocodile stand in the same relation to a negro that a negro does to a white man, and consequently gave white men the same right to treat the negro as a reptile as the negro had to treat the crocodile as a reptile. Thus a great party in this country degraded the negro to the level of the brute, and wantonly repudiated the golden rule of Christianity, which the Savior had died to enforce.

"A more stinging exposure of a selfish, shameless bit of demagoguism we have never heard. Though repeatedly requested to go on Mr. Lincoln declined, alleging his weariness from former speeches. On his retirement from the platform, he was vociferously cheered. Mr. Morton was then called out, and spoke very effectively for a few minutes, but we have not space to notice his remarks further." *Webster's Encyclopedia*

Lincoln's Father Maligned By Muck-Raking Historians

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 11.—The Indiana Lincoln Union rose today to defend Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas Lincoln, whose character it charges has been greatly maligned by historians.

In an exhaustive report, submitted by a committee on documentary reference and research, the Union declared Thomas Lincoln bore all of the noble qualities for which his son, Abraham, became famous.

The father of Abraham Lincoln, the report stated, was not the vagrant, idle, pauper backwoodsman, which it alleged historians had recorded.

The committees report declared investigation had removed all stigma of illegitimacy from Abraham Lincoln. Records were cited to show that Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married several years before Abraham's birth.

Refuting charges of illiteracy the report declared documents had been found which revealed his signature in good, legible English. Land grants, the report said, in several instances, were made out to Thomas "Linkern," as the name was spelled.

Wabash Glass Dealer

BACKUS URGES LINCOLN SHRINE

In an interesting sermon given at the Sunday morning service of the Methodist church, Rev. A. H. Backus took the life of Lincoln as his subject and urged the construction of a Lincoln memorial in Spencer county, Indiana.

Rev. Backus said in part: "Americans have a right to be proud that

this young republic produced the greatest man in the nineteenth century in the person of Abraham Lincoln. Nor is the end yet. We shall produce the greatest man of the twentieth century who will lead the world out of the mazes of our age into a still clearer and holier atmosphere."

"I want to record my interest in the proposed Lincoln Memorial, to be constructed in Spencer county, Indiana. Upon my desk has been placed a copy of the architect's design for a great memorial shrine in honor of Mr. Lincoln and his mother."

"Nearly every other spot in America touched by Lincoln has been fittingly marked save that place where he spent the most formative period of his life. Hoosiers dare not tarry longer in putting up this belated memorial to his honor."

"To shed new luster upon the immortal Lincoln would be impossible. To analyze such a character is not easy for he stands unique, alone in his majestic personality."

Tribune Want Ads Pay.

Peru Tribune

Wabash Plain Dealer

IN DEALER AND TIMES-STAR

The Viewpoint Of A Preacher

By REV. L. P. BUROKER

LINCOLN—THE IMMORTAL

One hundred and nineteen years ago tomorrow, Nancy Hanks Lincoln gave to the world one of its truly immortal sons, and named him for the patriarch of Israel. And as Abraham became the father of the faithful, so the son of Nancy Hanks Lincoln has become "Father Abraham" to the people of this new land of promise.

Why this immortality?

Were there contributing factors?

He was not the product of a moment. Like all great men he was the finished product of a process of years, a line that had its rise in the sturdy stock of Pennsylvania Quakers. Blood tells. Though it is true, as Irving has said, that "genius takes delight in hatching her off-spring in out of the way places," Lincoln was the child of good blood, blood which carried in solution the good qualities of a religiously-minded ancestry.

Though his mother left him when he was still tender in years, her influence left an impress upon him traceable till the time of his death. No power is so potent for good as that of the right kind of a mother. In his case, it was the influence of one who bore hardship uncomplainingly, maintained her high idealism and "kept the code"

though her lot was cast with the uncompromising frontier. In his mature years the great statesman paid earnest tribute to this unmistakable factor in the development of his greatness.

His was a rugged preparation for the work of his public life. The frontier makes no compromises. It gives grudgingly and extends no mercy. In this hard school he learned that principles are eternal and with these there must be no compromise. But, unlike others schooled and trained by the frontier, he had a great appreciation for the weaknesses and failings of men. Mercy balanced his stern adherence to the principles which were the pole stars of his career.

Nor was he without religion. Those who would make him an atheist have failed to catch the reverent spirit which breathes forth from every sentence in his two inaugurals. Nor was he ashamed to confess that there were times when he was driven to his knees under the overwhelming conviction that there was "no other place to go."

Lincoln might have been immortal without these things.

Who can tell?

But with them he will always be, "Lincoln—The Immortal."

200 TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Peru Tribune

Approximately one hundred workers from the counties of Miami, Cass, Howard, Carroll and Wabash counties are expected to attend the opening dinner of the Lincoln Memorial drive to be held in the basement of the First Presbyterian church tonight. Judge Hurd J. Hurst, chairman of the Fifth district, which comprises the counties named, will preside at the dinner and meeting to follow, and the principal address will be delivered by Ross Lockridge, dean of the law college at Indiana university, and a former Peru man.

The dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 o'clock and all of the local and township chairmen in the five counties are expected to be present. No solicitation of funds will be made at this meeting.

Judge Hurst announced today that while the dinner was for the campaign workers the speaking will be public and Peruvians are invited to attend. It is expected the speaking will commence about 7:30 o'clock.

Lincoln Is Honored At Dinner Here

The Lincoln Day banquet given in the basement of the First Methodist church last night was pronounced one of the most outstanding events of its kind ever held in this city. The banquet was sponsored by the Republican Women's Study Club of whom Mrs. William West is president, but Mrs. West being ill and unable to be present the meeting was in charge of Mrs. W. H. Howes, county chairman of the Women's Republican organization. There were approximately 200 men and women who enjoyed a most excellent chicken pie dinner served by the ladies of the church.

The meeting was opened by the singing of America and invocation was offered by Rev. A. H. Backus. Mrs. Howes introduced F. M. Stutesman as toastmaster, who read telegrams from United States Senators J. E. Watson and Arthur Robinson and Congressman A. R. Hall who expressed regrets at not being able to be present. A telegram was also read from Frank Leslie of Lafayette, Republican candidate for governor. Toastmaster Stutesman then introduced guests who were present from Logansport, Wabsah and Huntington and a short response was made by a representative of each of the cities named.

Narrates Life Story.

Then all joined in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America, The Beautiful," the singing being led by George C. Miller of the Peru Trust Co. Then all joined in reading, "The American's Creed" and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Wesleyan orchestra.

Toastmaster Stutesman then introduced Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortemeier, the speaker of the evening, who came on a few hour's notice to take the place of Dean Stanley Coulter, who was to deliver the address but who was unable to be here on account of illness. Mr. Schortemeier spoke on the life of Lincoln and in a very entertaining and interesting manner portrayed the life of the Emancipator from his boyhood days in Southern Indiana to the time of his election to the presidency and his assassination. He spoke of the struggles of Lincoln while president and of the great part he had in the preservation of the Union and lauded the civil war soldiers who stood solidly behind him in his great humanitarian work.

Must "Carry On."

The speaker said the Civil War veterans are rapidly passing away, there being only 1700 of them left in Indiana. He urged that the present generation carry on from where these great heroes left off.

It is fitting, the speaker said, that we attend to our belated duties by erecting a suitable memorial to the memory of the nation's greatest president since Washington's time. Lincoln, he said, was as much the saviour of his country as Washington was the father of his country. He urged that the citizens of Miami county co-operate with Judge Hurd J. Hurst in raising the county's quota in the funds that will be needed

in the erection of a Lincoln memorial.

Lauds Administration.

Incidentally the speaker touched on state matters and declared that the present administration had fulfilled the pledges made in 1928; mentioning among other things the reduction of taxes on farm lands, payment of state debts and the improvement of state highways. He said that last year there had been paved in Indiana 1615 miles of state highways and assured his hearers that Federal Highway No. 24 will be paved this year from Peru to Huntington; that already plans had been perfected for the paving of that portion of No. 24 from Peru to Monticello. He stated that at present there is a surplus of \$9,000,000 in the state treasury. He also referred to additional acreages that had been added to the state parks by the present administration. A short reception was held for the speaker after the close of the meeting during which he shook hands with many admirers.

CHURCHES WILL NOTE BIRTHDAY FROM PULPITS

Civil War Veterans to Address Pupils Monday—
Mass Meeting Tuesday
Lincoln the Hoosier
LINCOLN THE HOOSIER

(BY CARL C. HUNTER)

Fitting tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the anniversary of whose birthday is today, Sunday February 12, will be paid from the pulpits of the churches in the city, with programs in the schools and by various civic organizations followed Monday and Tuesday.

Congregations of all Kokomo churches will this morning and tonight pay homage to The Great American, to the man of whom Edwin Markham wrote:

The color of the ground was in him
the red earth;

The smell and smack of elemental
things;

The rectitude and patience of the
cliff;

The good-will of the rain that loves
all leaves;

The friendly welcome of the way-
side well;

The courage of the bird that dares
the sea;

The gladness of the wind that
shakes the corn;

The mercy of the snow that hides
all scars;

The secrecy of streams that make
their way,

Beneath the mountain to the rift-
ed rock;

That gives as freely to the shrink-
ing flower

As to the great oak flaring to the
wind

To the grave's low hill as to the
Matterhorn

That shoulders out the sky.

Men of '61-'65 to Speak.

Members of the Thomas Harrison Post of the Grand Army of the Republic—men who struggled under their great leader in the trying times of the Civil war, gray-haired some tottering but determined all with the same fiery patriotism in their last years that carried them through to victory in the "days of '61 to '65" will address the public schools of the city Monday with the co-operation of C. V. Haworth, superintendent.

Dr. Louis A. Warren of Zionsville, under the auspices of the Howard County division of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Campaign, will address Kokomo Rotarians at their regular weekly noon luncheon Tuesday at the Frances hotel on "Lincoln the Hoosier." His address will be appropriately illustrated

Public Meeting Tuesday.

There will be a meeting to which the general public is invited held in the Kokomo high school auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This meeting is sponsored by the Howard County Lincoln Memorial group and Dr. Warren will make a special address.

It is also hoped, according to Willis B. Dye, chairman, to have present for the program Charles Edward Bull, who recently portrayed the character of Abraham Lincoln on the silver screen in that most successful historical production and who is said to bear more resemblance to the martyred president than any other living American. Other features of interest to every citizen will be included in the program.

It seems that few present day Hoosiers are aware of the fact Abraham Lincoln was a resident of Indiana for fourteen years from 1816 until 1830—the fourteen years covering the most impressionable period of a man's life. He came to Indiana with his parents, Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln when he was eight years of age.

Lincoln first touched Indiana at the mouth of Anderson Creek. The Lincoln farm lies in what is now Spencer county, about seventeen miles north of the Ohio river. Lincoln City, Ind., now covers practically the entire tract of land for which Thomas Lincoln was given a government land grant ten years after he had settled in Indiana.

His Tribute To Mother.

Lincoln was left without the guiding hand of his mother after two years in their new home and decades later as the nation's chief executive gave Nancy Hanks Lincoln, his mother, and mothers the world over the simplest and yet most lovable tribute ever uttered by man—"All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

It is to perpetuate the memories of The Great American and Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Spencer county, where Honest Abe as a youth roamed through the foothills and first learned his rudimentary three R's, that the Indiana Lincoln Union, of which Kokomo and Howard county comprise a part, is seeking

the sum of \$1,265,000 for the purpose of erecting a proper memorial to "Lincoln the Hoosier" as well as to "Abraham Lincoln, The Great Emancipator and The Man."

Remembers Hoosier State.

That Lincoln never forgot the fourteen years lived in the good old Hoosier state—years during which time he passed from the seeming carefree days of youth into the more mature years of manhood—is witnessed by the following lines of verse, entitled "Memories" which his rugged hand penned in 1844:

"My childhood's home I see again;
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my
brain,
There's pleasure in it too.

O Memory! thou midway world
'Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved
ones lost
In dreamy shadows rise.

And, freed from all that's earthly
vile,
Seems hallowed, pure, and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
all bathed in liquid light.

As leaving some grand waterfall,
We, lingering, list its roar—
So memory will hallow all
We've known, but know no more.

Near twenty years have passed
away
Since here I bidd farewell
To woods and fields, and scenes of
play,
And playmates loved so well.

The friends I left that parting day,
How changed, as time has sped!
Young childhood grown, strong
manhood gray,
And half of all are dead.

I range the fields with pensive
tread,
And pace the hollow rooms,
And feel (companion of the dead)
I'm living in the tombs."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirkpatrick and family moved to the William Batey farm west of Hemlock Thursday.

Floyd Mitchell of Metcalf, Ill., spent the week-end here with his brother, Ralph and family.

LESLIE HAS PART IN LINCOLN CITY PROGRAM TODAY

12,000 Expected to See Gov-
ernor Dedicate Flag Pole at
Press Club Picnic

Dedication by Governor Harry G. Leslie of the mammoth bronze flag pole at Lincoln City, towering 118 feet above its solid copper base, will feature the eighth annual picnic today at the park of the Boonville Press club. The pole, said to be the tallest in this section of the state, is in the center of the plaza at Nancy Hanks park.

The program starts at 9 o'clock this morning, to continue through the day, with Judge Roscoe Kiper of Indianapolis, chairman of the Indiana Industrial board, teaching a Sunday school class at 10 o'clock.

SPEAKERS FROM 3 STATES

Speakers, in addition to Governor Leslie, will include Senator Curtis Shake of Vincennes, for Indiana; Judge John P. Haswell of Louisville, Ky., for Kentucky, and Dr. Paul M. Angle of Springfield, for Illinois. A varied program of music will include band, orchestra, string band, glee club, and vocal solo numbers.

Governor Flem D. Sampson, Kentucky, who in recent years has been a regular attendant at the picnic, will be unable to be present today, he wired Judge Kiper last night. He is sending Judge John P. Haswell, Louisville, Ky., however, as his personal representative.

Representing the Illinois chief will be Congressmen Graham and Arnold, Governor Emmerson wired.

PARK IN VEST SHAPE

An attendance of 12,000 is anticipated for the day by the Boonville club. Nancy Hanks Lincoln park is at its best at this season, with 30,000 young trees growing to maturity among those which date back to the years of Abraham Lincoln.

A concrete and steel oven has been provided for making 300 gallons of coffee to be given free to the picnickers. This is to be made under the direction of Ernest L. Lutz of Boonville, who served in the A. E. F. in France during the war and is said to have made more coffee than any other man in Indiana. He has made the coffee for all the Press club gatherings, as well as American Legion affairs.

WORKERS TO BANQUET^{2/1/28}

Warren Bigler, Wabash county chairman of the Lincoln Memorial drive has been invited to a banquet to be held for district workers at Peru tomorrow evening. Judge Hurd J. Hurst will preside at the meeting. *Wabash Plain Dealer*

Penn Tribune 2-1-28

Frederick To Attend Lincoln Union Dinner

J. E. Frederick of Kokomo, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will be a guest of honor at a banquet of the Indiana Lincoln Union to be held at the Bearss hotel here tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock. It is probable that Mr. Frederick will be on the program, it was announced. About forty men, from Cass, Carrol, Wabash, Howard and Miami counties will attend the dinner, according to the announcement.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL MEETING IS HELD

More than a dozen local persons attended a banquet held in the Bearss hotel at Peru last night, at which preliminary arrangements were made to start the drive for funds for the Lincoln Memorial to be built in Spencer county.

The local delegation was headed by County Chairman Long and City Chairman Marion Flory. Judge Hurd J. Hurst, of the Miami circuit court, district chairman for five counties, presided at the meeting. Following the banquet, which was served at 6:30 a business session was held and details of the drive explained.

A meeting will be held in the Rose room of the aBrnes hotel this evening by the local Cass county committees at which plans will be made to start the drive in Cass county.

2/3/28

Lagan Press

PAMPHLETS ON LINCOLN HERE

Report Pres. 2/15/07
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LINCOLN STORIES ARE AVAILABLE

2/3/28

CHAIRMAN BIGLER OFFERS
BOOKS FREE

No. Manchester Herald

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Ramsey, Clarion 2-3-28

~~LINCOLN UNION TO DINE~~

The Indiana Lincoln sponsored a dinner at the Pearss Hotel, in Peru, on Thursday evening, February 2nd., for those who are to assist in organizing the 5th District.

Judge Hurd J. Hurst, District, presided and an illustrated lecture on Lincoln's life in southern Indiana was one of the features of the evening.

Norman C. Buck, state Director, was present and gave instructions about the details of the campaign.

The following county chairmen were present with about a dozen selected men from their respective counties.

Mr. Willis B. Dye, Howard County
Mr. Joseph Long, Cass County
Mr. Geo. W. Julien, Carroll County
Mr. Warren Bigler, Wabash County
Mr. Fred Smuck, Miami County.

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Commercial Appeal 2-3-28

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JUDGE GIVEN POST

Judge Hurd J. Hurd of Peru, has been appointed to act as the chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Union over the fifth district which includes Cass, Carroll, Howard, Miami and Wabash counties. The organization was promoted by Arthur F. Hall, of Ft. Wayne, for the purpose of commemorating the fact that Abraham Lincoln was for 14 years of his life, a resident of Indiana.

Joseph G. Long, of this city, and Mrs. Henry B. Wilson of Delphi, and Charles Beck of Peru, are among the citizens of the state who have been fostering sentiment for the organization for more than a year.

FREDRICK SOUNDS DRIVE'S KEYNOTE

Gubernatorial Candidate Eulogizes Abraham Lincoln at Peru Memorial Meeting

(Special to The Dispatch)

PERU, Feb. 2.—John E. Fredrick of Kokomo, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, sounded the keynote of the drive for a \$1,500,000 memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother in Indiana, at the meeting tonight of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Union held at the Bearse hotel. Representatives of Carroll, Cass, Miami, Howard and Wabash counties were present.

Mr. Fredrick eulogized the Great Emancipator and inspired his listeners to greater efforts in making the big drive a success. He spoke of the significance of Lincoln to Indiana and briefly outlined the reasons why the state should pay tribute to the Civil war president.

Members of the state organization exhibited slides showing the location of the residence of Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks, in Kentucky and their later abode in Indiana near Lincoln City where the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Park is now located and where it is planned to erect the new memorial.

Howard county workers who attended the meeting assembled in the afternoon at the Dye Lumber yard in Kokomo, leaving in automobiles. Owing to the illness of his small son, Ellis Dye, chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Union for Howard county, was unable to attend.

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Greentown GCM
2/3/28

Willis B. Dye Has Copies Of Booklet On Lincoln

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Peru Republic
2-9-28

LINCOLN'S MEMORY TO BE PERPETUAT- ED BY MEMORIAL

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Fred Smuck, chairman of Miami county, in the movement to perpetuate the memory of Abraham Lincoln by a suitable memorial in this state, announces that he has received for distribution a number of copies of an attractive booklet entitled, "Lincoln the Hoosier." It is a brief, historical treatise, prepared under the direction of the Indiana Lincoln Union, and contains historical



FRED SMUCK

facts not heretofore generally available, nor set down in the same compact fashion.

The booklet was prepared after first hand investigation of a number of original sources of information in the state of Indiana. No facts are set forth but those which the Union is prepared to substantiate with documentary or other proof.

The booklet is also illustrated by a number of pictures, drawn by an Indiana artist, who visited all the scenes in person, and depicts, as they are today, the scenes amid which Lincoln lived and worked during the years that he was a citizen of the state of Indiana.

According to this booklet, Abraham Lincoln, with his mother and father, moved into the state in the year 1816, just a few months before Indiana was admitted as a member of the Union. They lived in southern Indiana until 1830, just a few months before Abraham Lincoln became of age, when they moved into the state of Illinois.

Mr. Smuck believes that these books are particularly valuable to school children and others who are studying the history of their state and those who wish to be well informed concerning the history of Abraham Lincoln. While these books are intended primarily to extend interest in the campaign, a limited number are available for general distribution, particularly to the schools, and others who may call on the chairman for copies.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

LINCOLN LIVES AGAIN AS UNION VETERANS REVERE HIS MEMORY

Tribute was paid to the memory of Abraham Lincoln by the Indiana Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, composed of officers, who served in the Union army, at a dinner Monday night in the Spink-Arms hotel. Francis M. Van Pelt, of Anderson, commander of the Loyal Legion, presided and displayed a flag which his wife, as a schoolgirl, wore at Galesburg, Ill., when Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas engaged in one of their memorable debates preceding the civil war. Four of Mr. Van Pelt's daughters were in the audience.

The Rev. T. F. Williams, of Lafayette, who was born at Gentryville, near where Lincoln spent his boyhood days in Indiana, told several anecdotes of the Emancipator's life that were verbally handed down from those who knew Lincoln in Indiana. One was about the country storekeeper, who knowing the Lincoln poverty, declined to sell a pair of boots to young Abe on "time." The storekeeper, he said, remarked that he sold his boots "for cash."

Thirty-five years later when Lincoln became President, the storekeeper wrote to him, telling how he had always treasured the Lincoln's business and applied for a federal position. The President replied that he was sure the storekeeper would be better satisfied if he remained in Gentryville "selling boots for cash."

Another story recalled how "Aunt Betsy" had "kept company" with young Lincoln, but had "jilted" him for another young man in the neighborhood. Years afterward, when Lincoln had risen to great heights, "Aunt Betsy" was wont to exclaim, the Rev. Mr. Williams said: "How did I know he was going to be President?"

Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department and chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union, described the steps that have been taken toward the erection of a shrine to Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at Lincoln City.

"We have the greatest monument to Lincoln in this state," he said, "that can be found anywhere. We have the grave of the mother that bore him."

Major David I. McCormick, superintendent of the Indiana battle-flag commission, told how the battle-torn flags of Indiana regiments that served in the civil war have been preserved. He urged that a state museum be built in order to house the priceless relics, and took a stand against placing the flags in the new World War Memorial building. A short talk on Lincoln was made by George E. Lundy, connected with the Indiana Lincoln Union.

closes this lithograph was made by one of the engineers of the Lincoln funeral train. It is just a common wood frame, unvarnished and crudely constructed with a penknife and a hatchet. It still incloses the picture. This lithograph was placed on the front of the engine. Some time after the burial of Lincoln the lithograph came into possession of a Richmond man who later presented it to Sol Meredith Post. Facts of the history of the lithograph were written on a piece of paper and pasted on the back of the picture, but this paper has disappeared."

LOCKRIDGE IS SPEAKER

Lincoln Memorial Fund Workers Hold Meeting and Discuss Drive

Peru, Ind., Feb. 17.—Ross Lockridge, dean of the law college at Indiana university, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Fifth district workers for the Lincoln Memorial fund at the First Presbyterian church here last night.

Judge Hurd J. Hurst, of the Miami circuit court, chairman of the Fifth district, presided at the meeting. Dinner was served at 6:30 and the business session followed.

Local and township chairmen of the five counties comprising the Fifth district, were present and plans were discussed for the final windup of the drive.

Mr. Lockridge spoke on the life of Lincoln and said that it was prayer that Indiana build a suitable memorial to the memory of the great emancipator. Because Lincoln spent the formative period of his life in Indiana, he can rightfully be called a Hoosier, Mr. Lockridge said.

A number were present from Logansport, including County Chairman Joseph G. Long and City Chairman Marion Flory.

LINCOLN MAY HAVE SEEN LAFAYETTE AFTER SHIPWRECK

Historical Research Committee of Union Investigates Voyage of General.

WAS 16 AT THAT TIME

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22, 1926 (A.P.)—The possibility of Abraham Lincoln having seen the French General Lafayette in 1825 when the latter was shipwrecked on the Ohio river near Lincoln's Spencer county, Indiana, home, is being investigated by the historical research and reference committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

The committee, seeking to authenticate all Lincoln data available before composing the inscriptions to be placed in the proposed memorial at Lincoln City, has sought the aid of Indiana pioneers and historians in determining controversial points in the life of the emancipator. The Lincoln Union at present is engaged in a campaign for \$1,265,000 with which to construct the memorial.

Lafayette's itinerary calling for a trip up the Ohio river had been announced in the newspapers of the time, the committee said, and the wreck delayed the party for eighteen hours. Lincoln was sixteen years old at the time, and made frequent trips to the river, and it was possible that he may have seen the general.

The identity of the "Granny Hanks" living for a time with the Lincolns in their cabin in Spencer county, is another object of inquiry by the committee. Allusion to such a person is said to have been made frequently by neighbors of the Lincolns, but her identity remains a mystery. The mother of Elizabeth Hanks Sparrow and Joseph Hanks was a "Nanny" Hanks who returned to Virginia at the time of her husband's death in 1793. Both Elizabeth and Joseph resided in Indiana and were contemporaries of the Lincolns.

The committee also is searching for descendants of John Baldwin, early Spencer county blacksmith, who was said to have been the chief source of Lincoln's supply of stories. Dennis Hanks said that Baldwin was Lincoln's "particular friend" and that Lincoln spent much of his time at Baldwin's shop.

Subscription lists for the Vincennes Western Union, New Harmony Gazette, Evansville Gazette, Corydon Sentinel and Advertiser and the Louisville (Ky.) Public Advertiser, previous to 1830, are sought by the committee, because Lincoln is said to have had access to all of them. The names of subscribers, according to the committee, might indicate the source of his supply.

COMMITTEE SEEKS HISTORY OF LINCOLN

Indiana Lincoln Memorial Union Seek Data of Lincoln's Life in State

INDIANAPOLIS, February 24, 1926 (AP)—Continuing its search for authentic Lincoln information, the historical research and reference committee of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Union again has sought the aid of Indiana historians and those who are familiar with the records of the time when Lincoln lived in southern Indiana.

Questions seeking to clear up controversial points in the youth of Lincoln have been issued, along with the committee desires to authenticate all of its information, so that any inscriptions in the national memorial to Lincoln at Lincoln City in Spencer county, Indiana, will be historically correct. The Lincoln Union is conducting a campaign for \$1,265,000 for the construction of the memorial.

The committee wishes to know if Col. William Jones, before securing possession of the store in which Lincoln clerked one winter, edited the Terre Haute Registar, published at Terre Haute, Ind. William Jones was born in Vincennes, Jan. 5, 1800. In 1833 a Mr. Jones from Vincennes became temporary editor of the Terre Haute Registar, and later the name of William Jones, Rockport, Ind., appears on the paper's mailing list.

Possibility of Lincoln's having visited New Harmony also is being investigated. Lincoln is said to have read every book within a radius of 50 miles of his home, but there is no evidence that he had access to the "boatload of knowledge" brought to New Harmony by Robert Owen in 1826.

The committee is trying to ascertain who operated the ferry on which, in November or December, 1816, the Lincoln family crossed the Ohio river from Kentucky to Indiana. There are several traditional places of crossing, the most generally accepted being the one near the mouth of Anderson creek, which divides Spencer and Perry counties, Indiana. Ferry keepers were licensed and those operating across the Ohio near this point could be ascertained. WABACH
CITIZEN

SMUCK NAMES ASSISTANTS

Peru, Ind., Feb. 24—Fred Smuck, chairman of the Miami county campaign for a Lincoln memorial fund, has named the following township men to assist in the drive which is being conducted in every county in the state:

O. R. Leonard, Allen township; J. A. Long, Butler; Marion Miller, Jefferson; Millard Pearson, Jackson; Forest Hostetler, Harrison; Mr. Braumeller, Peru; L. Wildman, Perry; W. A. Oden, Pipe Creek; J. Myers, Richland; C. Waymire, Union; Walter Sharp, Washington township.

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THE POCKET PERISCOPE

By Thomas James de la Hunt

Although "the Lincoln Inquiry" may be claimed as primarily a perquisite of southwestern Indiana, its influence and spirit have become state-wide in scope, and Lincoln enthusiasts everywhere are intensely gratified by the announcement of a "Lincoln Foundation and Fellowship" to be established and maintained in the extreme northeastern corner of Indiana.

The city of Ft. Wayne in Allen county has been for some years the fortunate possessor of a memorial log cabin that reproduces in exact fac simile the Hodgenville birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, noted in the official bulletin of Indiana historical markers as "erected in Foster Park by the Lincoln National Life Insurance company." When this organization was named, the choice was made because of the veneration felt by its early leaders for the Great Emancipator, and its executives have ever since sought to guide its policy by a phrase that is at once a code and a pledge. "Its name indicates its character."

As further and outward evidence of its lofty ideals, the company plans to erect a lifesize statue of Lincoln at the entrance to its splendid building which adorns the business district of Ft. Wayne, and a committee is already seeking a sculptor fitted to execute so distinguished a commission. Dr. John W. Oliver, formerly of Indiana, now head of the History Department at the University of Pittsburg, in a recent letter to an Evansville friend, George H. Honig, expressed himself as thinking that the artist who can translate his ideals into a bronze tablet or sculptured figure really does more to acquaint society with an individual than does the historian who is limited to the printed page. True, this thought; yet the indebtedness that America owes to Abraham Lincoln is not an obligation which "storied urn or animated bust" can wholly cancel. It can never be repaid, save in veneration of his name and emulation of his character.

The past decade has witnessed a Lincoln Renaissance, marked by active study of his life, his work, his teachings. A flood of literature has been released and "of making many books there is no end," responding—it must be admitted—to an emphatic popular demand for Lincoln biography. Through the March, 1928, issue of "The Emancipator" (its monthly magazine) the Lincoln National Life Insurance company makes known its further plans of major importance, which embrace the establishment and maintenance at Ft. Wayne of a "Lincoln Foundation," giving national service for study of the martyred president. Included with this is a "Lincoln Fellowship," as executive director of such service and the appointment to so responsible a post has been bestowed upon a notable student of Lincolniana, Dr. Louis A. Warren, now living at Zionsville, some of whose published writings in books, magazines and pamphlets, have been favorably reviewed in The Pocket Periscope.

His intensive and untiring research work has eminently fitted him to head the personnel of this new Lincoln Foundation, since he has studied Lincoln material in public and private libraries, in universities and colleges, and wherever Lincoln collections are found. He has himself discovered hundreds of previously unknown Lincoln documents and exhibits, and has lectured widely of varied phases of Lincoln's biography. One of his first appearances before an audience in The Pocket was on October 14, 1924, at the autumn meeting of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society, held in the auditorium at Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Park and in the Santa Claus camp ground church, Dr. Warren speaking at the latter place, on "The Mystery of Lincoln's Melancholy." Upon the formation of the Indiana Lincoln Union he became actively connected with its work, and spoke at organization meetings in practically every county in the southern area where the movement was inaugurated, following up the same line for the northern and central areas in turn.

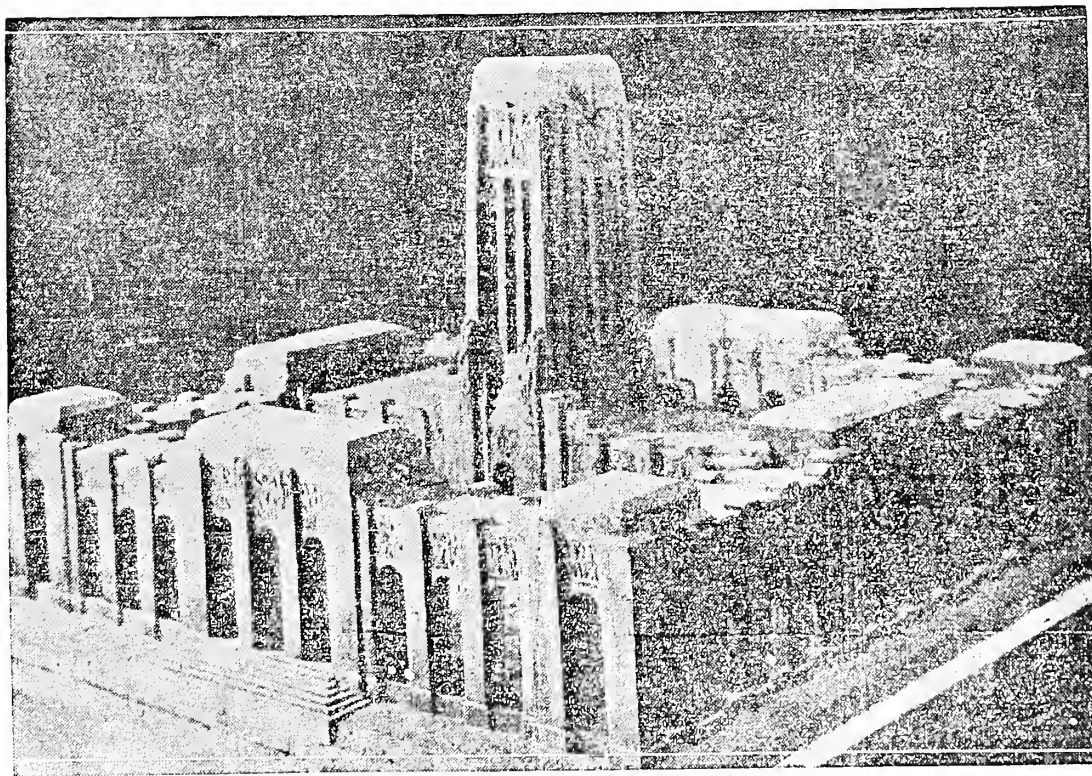
He is a native of Massachusetts and began his serious study of Lincoln when living in Larue county, Kentucky, as editor of a weekly newspaper at Hodgenville. He continued this minute research in all the county seats of the Lincoln region, studying court records and documentary evidence of every description; consulting original material as well as secondary material in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and elsewhere. He is a member of the Indiana Lincoln Union's Historical Reference and Research committee whose chairman is Mrs. Calder Ehrmann of Rockport, with Dr. Christopher Bush Coleman of Indianapolis, secretary, and a roster of familiar names: Mrs. Hilary E. Bacon, John E. Iglehart, George H. Honig, Evansville; Judge Roscoe Kiper, Boonville; Mrs. Charles T. Johnson, Mt. Vernon; Thomas James de la Hunt, Cannelton; D. Frank Culbertson, Vincennes; Judge Thomas J. Wilson, Lew M. O'Bannon, Corydon; George Robert Wilson, Jasper; Linnaeus N. Hines, Terre Haute; Arthur W. Brady, Anderson; Dr. James A. Woodburn, Dr. Logan Esarey, Bloomington; Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, William Fortune, Harry W. Glossbrenner and Charles Nebeker Thompson, Indianapolis.

Dr. Warren has accepted the endowed Fellowship offered to him, but through the liberality of the Foundation his time will be devoted to the Indiana Lincoln Union during the period of its campaign, after which he will make his permanent headquarters in Fort Wayne. The new foundation will serve the country at large as a clearing house of Lincoln information, a research seminar in Lincoln history, and by making technical matter clear to the average reader. All the findings of the Foundation will be cleared to the people in general through a publication program, there will be a speaker's bureau through which Dr. Warren and others will be available, and there will be a Lincoln Library and Collection, to-

ward whose development many interesting and valuable documents, pamphlets, art objects, etc., are already assembled in the home headquarters of the organization, its far-flung contacts offering established avenues of distribution for Lincoln literature and material.

While full announcement of plans and program must of necessity be deferred until Dr. Warren concludes his part in the Lincoln Union campaign, this much can be safely said—quoting from "The Emancipator":—"The Foundation will offer its services to the schools and teachers of the land, it will have a message and a real contribution to those who love and honor Lincoln, it will do both original research and work of popularization, it will be a service institution co-operating with others who can help in the work it plans to do. It will aim to make Americans increasingly conscious of the great story of Lincoln and his sterling qualities that all should emulate."

INDIANA PLANS "MOST BEAUTIFUL" LINCOLN MEMORIAL



LINCOLN SHRINE PLANNED BY CITIZENS OF INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS—The most beautiful Lincoln Memorial in America is the aim of Indiana citizens, who have launched a campaign to raise \$1,265,000 for the purchase of land and the erection of the shrine.

In the words of the architect the memorial will be confined "to simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale, as was the character of Lincoln."

It is planned to locate the memorial beside the grave of Lincoln's mother, near the site of the log cabin home, where the great emancipator

spent his adolescent years, in Spencer county.

Leading American architects, who have studied the plans assert the project is a national achievement in memorial architecture.

A park, embracing several acres of the original Thomas Lincoln farm, will surround the memorial. Native trees will be reforested, and expansive and dignified approaches from to the shrine itself will be constructed.

The model, as finally decided upon,

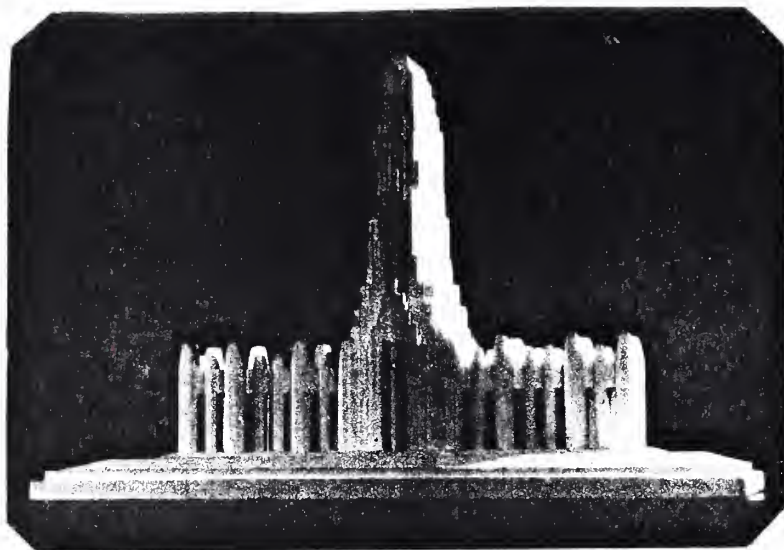
is one of several constructed by Thomas Hibben, the designing architect.

"In the modeling of this building, Mr. Hibben said, "We have attempted to adhere to the same simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln."

"The building takes the form of a series of four quadrangular courts which surround the main structure from which rises a carillon tower. These courts are bounded by open cloisters, which connect through the

aerial pylons. Above the arches of the cloister we have indicated a bank of low relief sculpture, which takes its definition out of the natural structure of the wall itself and in which is portrayed the birth and development of a race.

The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloister will be treated with frescoes. Through the arches of these cloisters are countless vistas of the other courts, of pools, and of the tower which rises about one hundred and fifty feet above them."



A PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN'S MOTHER—This monument to the memory of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and her great son is projected for the old Lincoln homestead near Lincoln City, Ind. The Indiana legislature has been asked to appropriate funds.

LINCOLN PLAQUE GIVEN COLLEGE

Presentation Is Made at Convocation Hour.

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Frank C. Ball, Muncie manufacturer, during convocation services at Ball Teachers College yesterday morning, accepted, in behalf of the college, the Abraham Lincoln plaque which was won by Mrs. J. J. Burkholder's team engaged in the recent Lincoln Memorial Fund drive in Muncie. The prize was offered by the Lincoln Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, at the start of the drive, to the team obtaining the greatest number of contributions to the fund for the erection of the Lincoln Memorial in Spencer County.

Mrs. Burkholder presented the prize plaque. Mr. Ball was chosen as the recipient of the award in recognition of his services as state chairman in charge of the Lincoln Memorial drive.

Application Means Success.

"It is very fitting, because of Lincoln's interest in education, that this plaque be placed in the halls of this college," Mr. Ball said. Mr. Ball deplored the lack of Lincoln monuments in Indiana, where Lincoln spent fourteen years of his life. Giving a list of countries and states where beautiful Lincoln memorials have been erected, Mr. Ball said, "France, England and Sweden have honored Lincoln more than has Indiana."

Mrs. Burkholder made the presentation speech in behalf of the other members of her team who were: Mrs. George M. Spencer, Mrs. Arthur C. Meeks, Mrs. J. F. Banta, Mrs. Harry Maxom, Mrs. H. L. Oliver, Mrs. J. R. Marsh and Miss Lillian Koons.

Branding the presentation as a "joyful task," Mrs. Burkholder said: "I am impressed more and more as the years come and go that this world is full of joyfull tasks for cheerful workers and I have tried to ascertain the difference between a happy task and an irksome one. I have reached the conclusion that a happy duty must have two requisites, first, we must love our work; second, we must put our whole heart and soul into the task assigned us. Then we may be very sure that success will always crown our efforts."

Made Great by Character.

"Just a few days ago we closed the campaign for the Lincoln Memorial, to raise funds with which to honor the greatest man our country has ever produced, Abraham Lincoln. Many say the greatest the world has ever produced, for his noble life has influenced and enriched the entire civilization of the world."

"Near the hallowed grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Indiana proposes to erect a shrine to America's strongest character and greatest president."

"Those who have greatly achieved, are those who have responded to character, to ideals, to truth and to conviction. Character, ideals and convictions come in youth. The man who does not love truth, honor, virtue, patience and zeal from early manhood is not guided by them in trying hours of supreme need that come in after years. Men may gain knowledge in later life, but a passion for the virtues comes only in the days of youth."

"Character made Lincoln great. His sterling characteristics of honesty, sincerity, simplicity, and truth receive their definite bend and form from the influences that surrounded him in the state of Indiana."

Team Enjoyed Its Task.

"The impress of home and mother; the hold of nature and of out-of-doors; the influence of books; the power of friendships and of associations; and the first strong call of the great world left their lines upon his plastic soul while he was a youth in southern Indiana. The world knows and admires Lincoln for these virtues."

"The task assigned Muncie to raise its quota for this fitting memorial was a joyful one to a group of women associated with me. The small part we played in this great undertaking was a work of loving service into which we put our whole heart and soul. Success attended our efforts, for which we won the prize awarded by the Lincoln Life Insurance Company, of Fort Wayne. Pickett's beautiful head of Lincoln in a bronze plaque."

"We also had a second motive for giving our services to this joyful task. Our most distinguished citizen, Frank C. Ball, whom we all love and admire, received the high honor of being the state chairman of this worthy movement. We considered it a great privilege and pleasure to render him our assistance, and after having won the prize there never was a question in any of our minds but that it should revert to one of Mr. Ball's interests. We unanimously decided to give it to this college, since Lincoln stood for education and the higher ideals gained therefrom."

"It thrills my heart with pride and joy, Mr. Ball, to have the honor of presenting this beautiful plaque to you for this college, your child of love. May the faculty and student body now, and through the years to come, receive inspiration from this kind, honest, noble face and appreciate the service he rendered our beloved land."

The program of the convocation hour was given by the junior class in honor of the graduating seniors. Eldon Johnson presided. The farewell speech was given by Clarence Babcock, senior class president. Martin, junior president, responded. Max Poland and Floyd Burt, accompanied by Glen Stepleton at the piano, gave a group of violin duets. Italian character impersonations in costume were given by Miss Mildred George. A novelty song and dance act by Hilton Spenceley was accompanied by Glen Stepleton. Miss Ina Cammon concluded the program with semi-classical vocal numbers.

TO HONOR LINCOLN

ON HIS BIRTHDAY BY PLACING MARKERS IN SPENCER CO. WHERE HE LIVED

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 7.—(A. P.)—On the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12, markers in his honor will be unveiled at two points in Spencer county, Indiana, where the Great Emancipator at one time lived. The markers have been placed at Grandview and at New Hope by the Grandview Lincoln Trail Club.

At Grandview, a tablet will proclaim that "Abraham Lincoln passed this way, 1821-1830, hauling hoop poles with an ox team to the river landing—visited Ezekiel Ray, the old blockhouse, Hammond's tannery, traded jokes and wrestled with pioneer boys in Hammond township." Another tablet will tell the story of the flatboats of Joe Craig, builder of 146 boats, one of which was operated by Lincoln between Rockport, Ind., and New Orleans.

A third tablet will carry information concerning Bill Smithers, famous hunter and scout of the region, and a fourth will tell of the accomplishments of two men in Grandview who vied with Lincoln in sporting contests, William Thurman, one of the men, was a champion wrestler of the district and staged many bouts with Lincoln, so it is said, while Jonathan Prosser, the other, was an expert broad jumper.

The market at New Hope is situated on the site of the Taylor Basye store, where Lincoln traded. It is set out in bronze that the store carried \$300 worth of merchandise, including calico, coffee, ammunition, saddles, leather harness, etc., and exchanged its wares for furs, skins and feathers.

The tablets were designed by George Honig, Evansville sculptor, whose grandparents were among the pioneer settlers of Spencer county.

Talks will be given at Grandview by Lieutenant Governor H. Harold VanOrman of Evansville, William Wohler of Grandview, Col. Richard Lieber, director of the state department of conservation; Mrs. C. D. Ehrman, president of the Southwestern Historical Society, and Charles T. Baker of Grandview. At New Hope, the principal address will be given by Albert J. Wedeking, state highway commissioner. School children will take part in exercises at both places.

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LINCOLN MONUMENTS

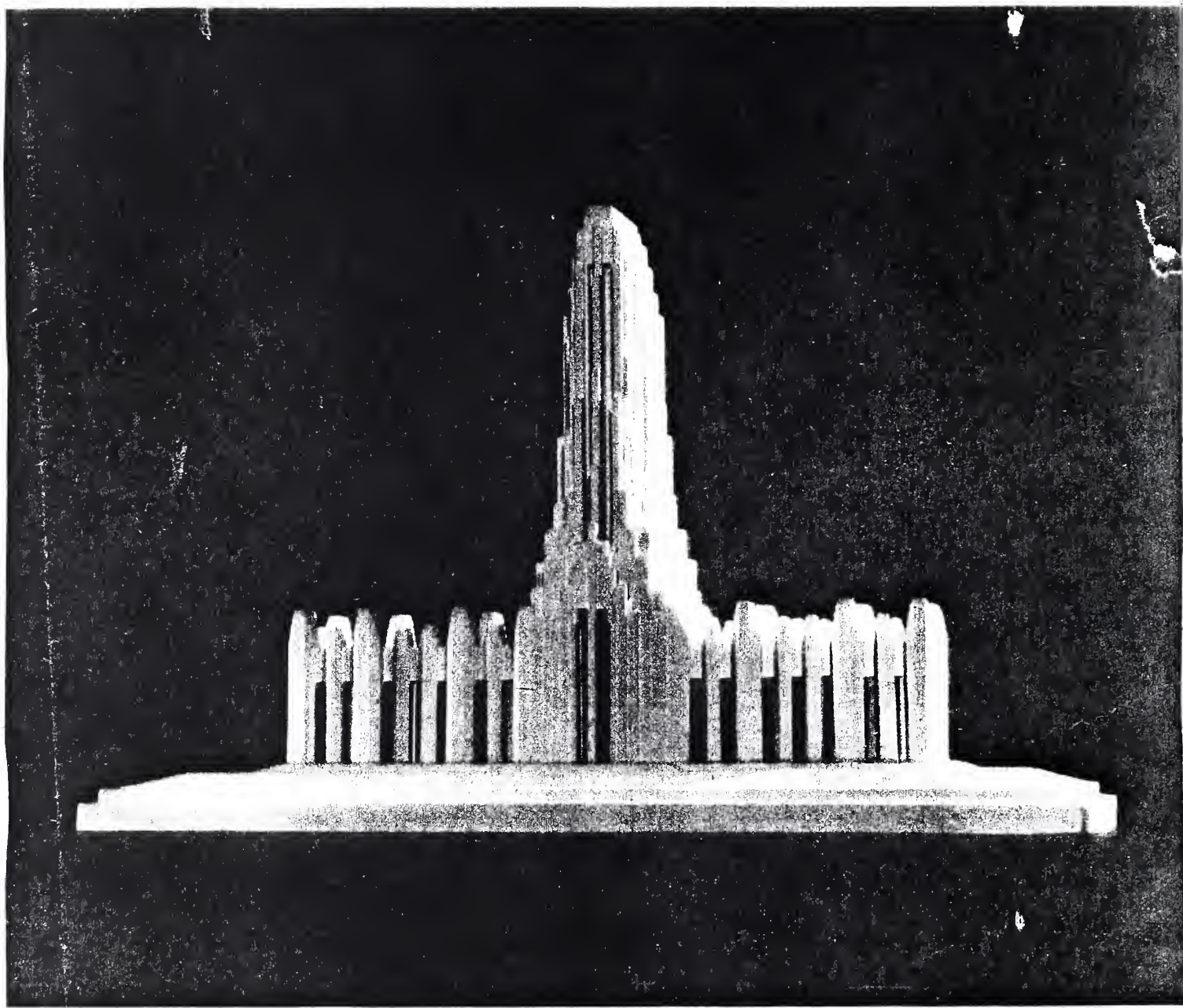
Nearly 100 counties, cities and towns in this country have been named after Abraham Lincoln. There is an ever-widening circle of influence growing out of his life. This reflects efforts fittingly to memorialize him. The memorial, for instance, at Washington, already one of the world's most famous monuments, is to receive further attention in its setting and environment. When the Indiana memorial at Lincoln City is completed, every state in which the emancipator and his family lived will have done something to express state pride and appreciation.

Illinois has found that the monument erected to Lincoln at Springfield soon after his assassination is disintegrating, and the work of restoration is now going on. It is perhaps the least impressive of the major memorials that have been constructed, but the state proposes to make it permanent. The efforts of ghouls to steal the body of the martyred President from the exposed sarcophagus in the mausoleum led to burial deep in the foundations. It is not likely that there will be any further disturbance. Neither can the honors which the world and generations of men have heaped on Lincoln be canceled. It may be said that monuments of stone and bronze are not necessary, but they express the desire of mankind to testify to the qualities of the departed.

There are perishable documents and pictures concerning history and the distinguished dead that call for protective and permanent treatment. At Springfield, for example, the custodian has collected many hundreds of Lincoln relics, temporarily housed in a barn pending the completion of repairs to the monument. These could not be replaced, and every visitor expresses the fervent hope that a permanent housing will speedily be

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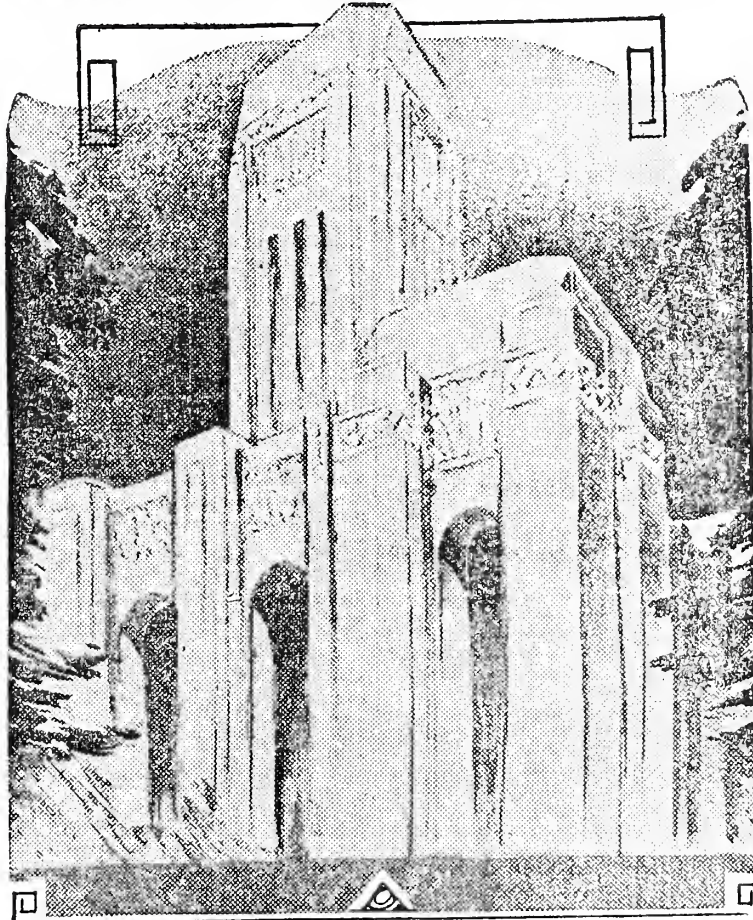
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PROPOSED MEMORIAL—
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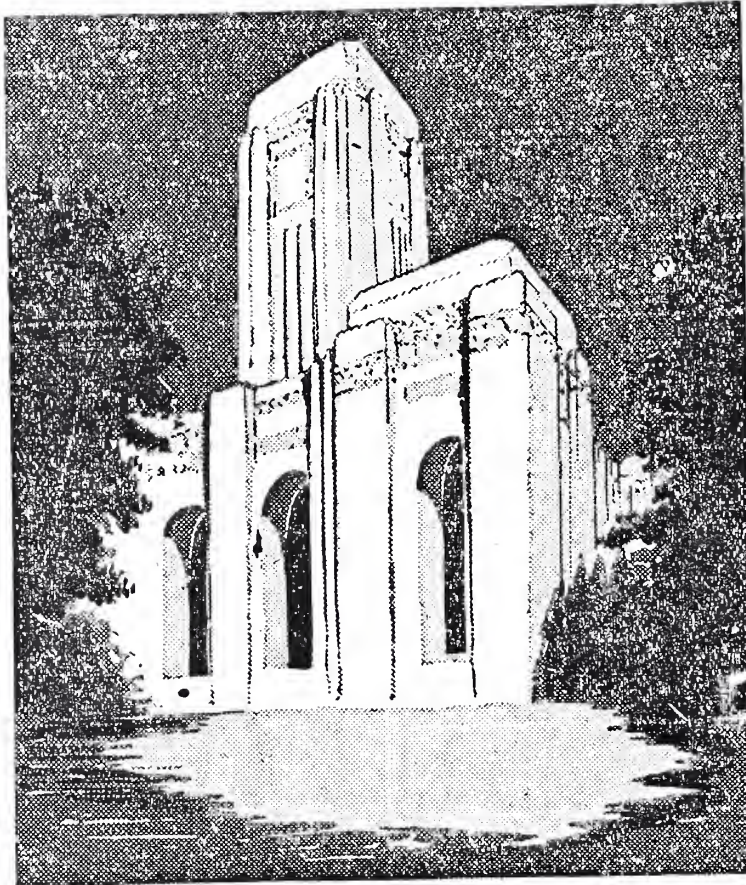
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MONUMENT TO HONOR LINCOLN



At Nancy Hanks Memorial Park, Lincoln City, Ind., a monument is to be erected by Indiana to honor Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Plans outlined by Architect Thomas Hibben, of Indianapolis, indicate that it will be different from any of the other memorials dedicated to the Great Emancipator. It is to be a cloistered structure with a carillon tower, rising 150 feet with four quadrangular courts about the main structure. It will be in the center of the park which includes the site of the Lincoln cabin in the Hoosier State and the grave of his mother.

TO HONOR THE EMANCIPATOR



Here is a drawing of the \$1,265,000 memorial which Indiana proposes to erect to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks. The site is the original Lincoln farm near the Ohio river, midway between Evansville and French Lick, where Lincoln spent 14 years of the formative period of youth. Leading citizens of Indiana are acting as a committee, named by the governor, in raising the money.

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Indiana has never received its share of praise for its influence on the life of Lincoln. Judge Louis Hammerschmidt, attorney of South Bend, formerly of New Albany, said at the twentieth annual banquet of the Brotherhood of St. Mark's Evangelical Church Thursday night.

"It was in the good old Hoosier State that the Emancipator received his early education; here he read the Bible and other classics which formed the basis of his pure English; it was in this State he became acquainted with great lawyers and fired him with the ambition to become one; it was here that he began the study of the country's affairs and the slave question, and it was here that Lincoln learned the art of story-telling, for which he became famous later in life," Judge Hammerschmidt said.

The speaker lauded the father of Lincoln, declaring that he did not believe he was the "listless person" historians said he was.

Judge Hammerschmidt said that the State was preparing to place a marker at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln at Lincoln City. He scored Indiana, however, for its belated efforts.

The speaker said that Lincoln was no doubt designed by Providence to co-operate with it in "a great undertaking."

The banquet was attended by more than 150 men and was the principal event in the observance of Lincoln's birthday in New Albany. The program also included musical numbers and skits.

The Kiwanis Club also gave a Lincoln program with Judge Thomas J. Wilson of Corydon paying a glowing tribute to the war president. The speaker was presented by Joseph Bruns. Lincoln was also lauded at the meeting of the Knights of Columbus last night.

City and county offices were closed for the day, and Lincoln programs were given in the public schools and the parochial school of St. Mary's Catholic church. Pupils of Holy Trinity parochial school were dismissed for the day.

EIGHTH PRESS CLUB PICNIC

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The program for the eighth annual picnic of the Boonville Press Club to be given at Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park at Lincoln City on Sunday, July 12, is by far the most important one that has ever been held there. The announcement made on Monday morning by Col. Richard Lieber, the director of the Indiana Department of Conservation, that Gov. Harry G. Leslie would be present and dedicate a mammoth flag pole recently erected, is pleasing news to the officers of the Press club. Gov. Leslie, in making a promise to attend, states that he will be here providing that Mrs. Leslie, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Michigan City, continues to improve.

Gov. Leslie is especially desirous of having a large number of the school children of the counties of the pocket present to assist in the dedication, which will take place Sunday after the ceremony of placing the wreaths upon the grave of Nancy Hanks. Assisting Gov. Leslie will be Col. Richard Lieber, and J. I. Holcomb, secretary of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

Distinguished Visitors

There will be many distinguished visitors at the picnic Sunday. William Fortune of Indianapolis is bringing as his guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Herschell. The former will read two of his original poems: "God Hallow the Name of Nancy," and "Ain't God Good to Indiana." Mrs. Kin Hubbard will also be in the Fortune party. And it is expected that Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis Star feature writer, will be on hand when the registering of the guests shows "Who's Who."

Gov. Louis Emmerson of Illinois has not decided definitely whether he can make the trip to Lincoln City; but he is sending the members of the Lincoln National Memorial Highway Commission of Illinois, who are: Hon. H. H. Cleveland, Springfield, chairman; Hon. Otis F. Glenn, Murphysboro; Hon. Logan Hay, Springfield; Hon. W. W. Arnold, Robinson; James M. Graham, Springfield. Dr. Paul M. Angle will be one of the speakers for Indiana, along with someone from the Commission.

Gov. Flem D. Sampson cannot come this year, but is sending a big delegation and among them will be the following members of the Kentucky Lincoln Memorial Highway Commission: Hon. W. L. Ferrill, president, Hodgenville; Judge Otis Mather, Hodgenville; Judge John P. Haswell of Louisville.

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Boonville Standard July 10 1931

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Gov. Leslie is especially desirous of having a large number of the school children of the counties of the pocket present to assist in the dedication, which will take place Sunday after the ceremony of placing the wreaths upon the grave of Nancy Hanks. Assisting Gov. Leslie will be Col. Richard Lieber, and J. I. Holcomb, secretary of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

Distinguished Visitors

There will be many distinguished visitors at the picnic Sunday. William Fortune of Indianapolis is bringing as his guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Herschell. The former will read two of his original poems: "God Hallows the Name of Nancy," and "Ain't God Good to Indiana," Mrs. Kin Hubbard will also be in the Fortune party. And it is expected that Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis Star feature writer, will be on hand when the registering of the guests shows "Who's Who."

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monday July 26 1931
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semble in Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park,
estimated at from 2,500 to 10,000,
listened to the program sponsored
by the Boonville Press Club, Sunday.

This listening was made possible
through the co-operation of the Le-
high Portland Cement Company, of
Mitchell, Ind., and the State Autom-
obile Insurance Association, of Indian-
apolis, who induced the American
Amplifying Company to furnish the
amplifiers so that the program could
easily be heard throughout the park.

Judge John P. Haswell, of the Ken-
tucky Lincoln Memorial Commission,
after conferring with members of the
Illinois and Indiana commissions, an-
nounced that the tentative route in
Kentucky (which will include the
ferriage site on the Ohio river) will
be announced August 10th.

Representing the tri-state commis-
sions were James Graham, W. W. Ar-
nold, of Illinois; Curtis G. Shake and
Marcus Sonntage, of Indiana; and
Judge Haswell, of Kentucky.

Among those who participated in
the program were Mrs. S. C. Gibson,
of Logansport, president Indiana War
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Weaver, Senator James W. Graham,
of Illinois; and others of local note.

The program was well received by
the audience: most of the crowd re-
maining for the last number.

The placing of wreaths on the
grave of Mrs. Lincoln was a very
impressive service in which Mrs. Gib-
son and Judge Kiper were the speak-
ers.

Another service that brought much
respect was the dedication of the tall
flag pole in which Col. Lieber repre-
sented Governor Leslie.

The Resolutions.

The eighth annual gathering of
the Boonville Press Club at this place
to honor and perpetuate the memory
and influence of Nancy Hanks Lin-
coln in giving to the world her noble
son Abraham Lincoln, herewith
adopts the following:

We sincerely approve of the efforts
of the Spencer County Historical So-
ciety and the Grand View Lincoln
Trail Club to give to the world a bet-
ter conception of the years the Lin-
coln family spent in this county and

to correct some ideas heretofore given
about their conduct, circumstances
and surroundings while here, and
trust their work may continue.

We again pledge our endeavor to
hallow this spot where lies the form
of the mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln,
of our beloved President, Abraham
Lincoln, claimed by Kentucky, Indi-

ana and Illinois, and also the grave,
not far away, where lies all that is
left to us of his sister, Sarah Lincoln
Grigsby. We revere their memory
and trust that a true conception of
their lives and influence may be given
to the public.

We extend our thanks and full ap-
preciation to the many persons who
are assisting in making this park,
located on the western edge of the
"Switzerland of Indiana," a hallowed
sanctuary where shall be erected a
memorial suitable to the historic im-
portance of the lives recognized
thereby, namely: Nancy Hanks Lin-
coln and her son, Abraham; and
pledge our every effort to encourage
the promotion of this park as a Na-
tional Shrine, and will endeavor to
give to the public all matters of im-
port thereof.

We extend our gratitude and ap-
preciation to the persons of the three
states, Kentucky, Illinois and Indi-
ana, who have made our program so
worthy and enjoyable in this year of
1931, and feel that every effort made
for the success of this gathering and
picnic is time and talent exceedingly
well directed.

We renew our efforts to obtain an
improved highway from this park to
the cemetery of Old Pigeon Church,
where Sarah Lincoln Grigsby is bur-
ied, and near which is the site of the
cabin in which Nancy Hanks Lincoln
died, and suggest that this road be
dedicated as the Nancy Hanks Lin-
coln Memorial Highway.

We are in full accord and sympathy
with the movement sponsored by the
National Lincoln Memorial Highway
Association to induce the National
Government to construct a suitable
memorial highway between the birth
place of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenv-
ille, Ky., and his tomb at Spring-
field, Ill., by way of Lincoln City and
Vincennes; and trust the three state
commissions named to designate the
route may not be swayed by popular-
ity for its location but may so desig-
nate said route that it may be truly
an historical memorial highway over
the route the family actually traveled
in its journey from Hodgenville to
Lincoln City and later from Lincoln
City to Beardstown, Illinois.

We resolve that we will hold these
picnics annually for the purpose of
giving publicity to this important
historic grave and park and revere
the lives of those whom we honor
for their great influence in world

history.

C. T. Baker, of The Grandview
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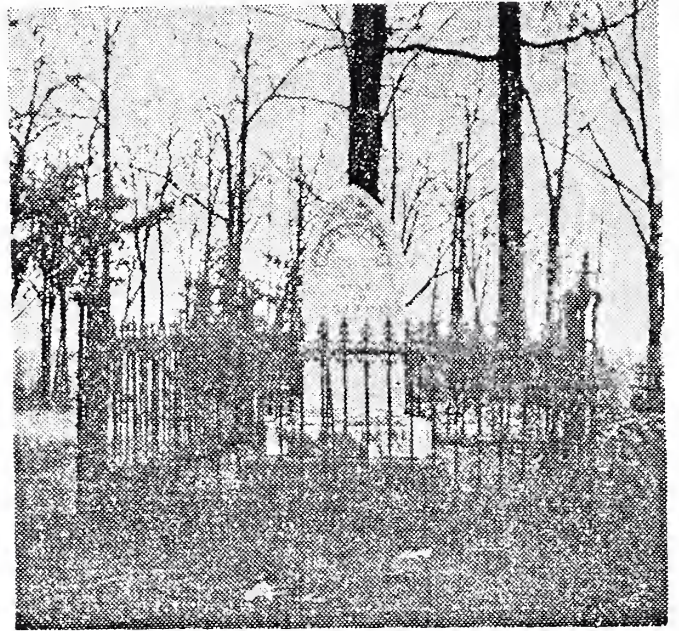
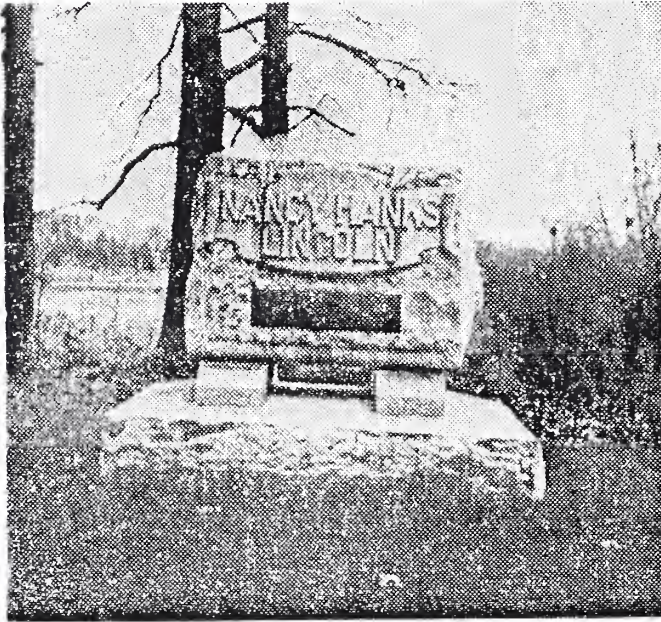
**MRS. PETER BROONER BURIED
BESIDE MRS. LINCOLN**

Grandview Monitor 7-7-32
Standing at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in the beautiful Lincoln Park Saturday with Editor Ottis I. Brooner, of the Dale Reporter, Mr. Brooner informed us that his great-grand-mother was buried in the iron fence inclosure. Mr. Brooner's great-grand-mother was with Mrs. Lincoln when she died and attended the funeral. One week later her death occurred. The body was taken into the woods on the hill and buried by the side of Mrs. Lincoln. The place was neglected for many years, Mr. Brooner and his wife both testifying that they had fought their way through the thickets and briars to the top of the hill where the graves are. When the Studebakers erected a monument to the memory of Mrs. Lincoln in 1879 they did not know nor could they learn which of the two graves were Mrs. Lincoln's, so they just made one mound covering both graves and Mr. Brooner's great-grand-mother's grave is in the enclosure and no one knows which of the graves is that of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. It was Mr. Brooner's father who, as deputy auditor of Spencer county, called attention of his chief to the fact that this spot should be given attention and should have the honor due the mother of the great Civil War president. The auditor suggested that he was right and begged Mr. Brooner to go on with what he had in mind, which was to write the governor and attempt to interest him. This he did and succeeded in interesting the governor, the late James A. Mount. The county auditor then took the matter up with the Spencer county commissioners and induced them to appropriate \$900 and purchase the ten acres of ground where the bodies lie. They had it deeded to the State of Indiana. Governor Mount became much interested and the interest has continued to spread from Indiana to the nation. The park now contains more than 900 acres and has been wonderfully beautified and it is attracting more and more attention each year as a sacred national shrine.
—Winslow Dispatch.

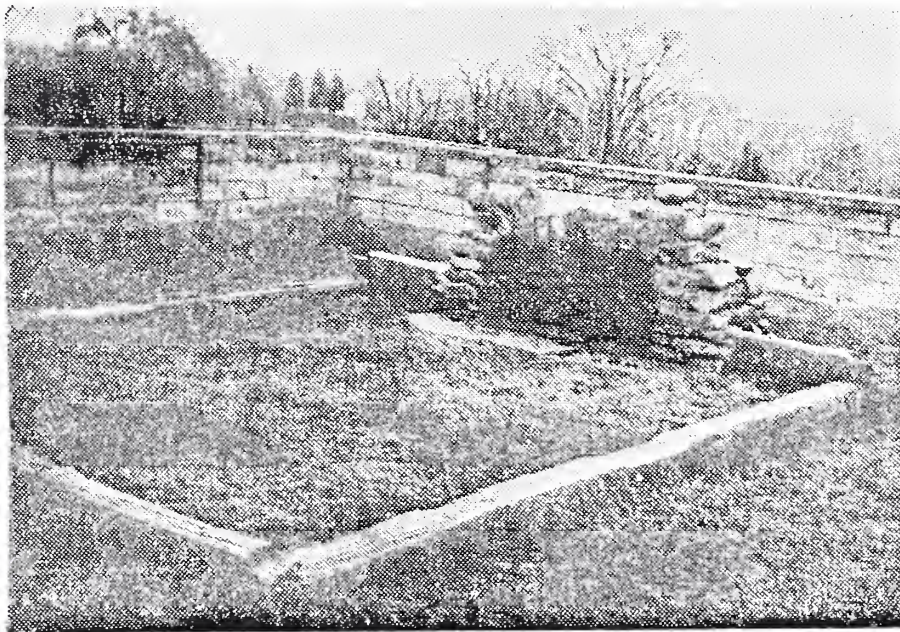
The original purchase included sixteen acres and not ten as stated above. The sixteen acres included a half-acre surrounding the grave which had previously been deeded to the government. John G. Rimstidt was the auditor at the time of the purchase.—Rockport Journal.

Peter and Nancy Rusher Brooner were in Brackenridge county Ky., when their son Allen was born (October 22, 1813) and the next autumn came to Indiana Territory and settled in the Lincoln City neighborhood. Mrs. Brooner died of the same disease that caused Mrs. Lincoln's death.—Editor.

ON THE LINCOLN TRAIL MOTHER'S GRAVE IN LINCOLN CITY .



SITE OF FIRST LINCOLN CABIN IN INDIANA



Until recent years no shrine or statue, no memorial, had been erected in Indiana to Lincoln's memory. Only historic markers of famous Lincoln sites had been placed by the state.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Back of the Indiana Lincoln Union's request to the national park service, to give the Indiana Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City federal recognition, is the thought that the project is one well worthy of national support. It is doubtful if any federal expenditures would be requested or needed immediately as the Union, working with the conservation department, has accomplished its purpose during the last ten years. It has surrounded the grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, with a park that includes the cabin where the Lincoln family lived. The setting is impressive, and there is an air of quiet dignity around the scene where the boy Lincoln spent some of his formative years. More than \$250,000 has been spent on this project, including the creation of a small lake, the removal of a village, and considerable construction work.

It might be well if all of the Lincoln memorial efforts in Indiana were co-ordinated. At Rockport, where the Lincoln family is said to have landed after crossing the Ohio river from Kentucky, Spencer county has built a Lincoln village and surrounded it with a stockade. This county project has no official connection with the memorial park near Gentryville. Some time ago the legislature authorized the appointment of a commission to mark appropriately the Lincoln trail the family traveled as it came into Indiana and when it migrated to Illinois.

Indiana has been tardy in according recognition to the historic spots that are connected with Lincoln's life. Finally the Lincoln Union and public spirited citizens who worked with that organization, created a memorial that has attracted much favorable comment. Whether this should remain under state jurisdiction or be transferred to the national park service is something that officials of the union evidently have considered seriously, but it should be borne in mind that what has been accomplished is something in which the federal service had no part.—Indianapolis News of October 27.

KENTUCKY'S BIGGEST AND BEST EVENING NEWSPAPER

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Simple Service At Mother's Grave Marks Lincoln's Birth Anniversary

Lincoln City, Ind., Feb. 12 (AP)—A simple ceremony on a lonely hill was planned today to commemorate the most poignant experience of Abraham Lincoln in Indiana.

On the President's birthday, a little band of Hoosiers went to lay a wreath on the grave of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Their pilgrimage harked back to her death of a frontier plague when Lincoln was 9 and to the fourteen years of growth the Emancipator spent in this State, from the time he was 7 till he was 21.

Only a low white-marble gravestone and an old-fashioned cast iron fence mark her burial place. But nearby, on 1,200 wooded acres, is a State park.

The pilgrimage is an annual affair of the Boonville Press Club and the Indiana Lincoln Union, formed in 1926 to preserve relics of Lincoln's Hoosier years.

Col. Richard Lieber of Indianapolis, consultant of the National

Park Service and chairman of the executive committee of the Lincoln Union, has charge.

The program is brief—songs by school children and a few talks.

In a speech Lawrence F. Crosbie of Indianapolis, chief clerk to the Secretary of State, says Lincoln's mother was fortunate in that "her dreams of a fine, clean, loyal and loving son, a stalwart, courageous and honorable man, all came true."

Colonel Lieber announced the advisory board on national parks and historic buildings, sites and monuments had included the Indiana Lincoln sanctuary in a list of significant historical sites it had been making for Congress.

Colonel Lieber, a member of the board, read the board's resolution to Secretary Ickes on the subject here today.

This grave and the site of the Lincoln family's Hoosier home are second on a list of eight places connected with the life of Lincoln, the colonel said.

The Spencer County Historical Society
OF INDIANA

SPONSORS A

MOTHER'S DAY
PROGRAM

MAY 12th, 1940,

AT HISTORIC

OLD PIGEON BAPTIST CHURCH

LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA

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The Society honors Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of
Abraham Lincoln, and all motherhood.

YOU ARE WELCOME

MORNING SERVICE 10:30 A. M.

Presiding Officer, Mrs. Mina Cook, Rockport, Vice President
Congregation Singing — "Pass Me Not" — Led by Mrs. Ben
Smith, Grandview

Invocation

Address of Welcome, Mr. Otis Brooner, Dale
Response to Welcome Mr. Charles Baker, Grandview
Solo — "Dear Little Mother of Mine", John Stuteville,
Rockport

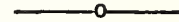
Reading Martha Lou McCoy, Richland

Introduction of Speaker, Mr. Carl J. Engelbrecht

Address Mr. J. Harold Hendrickson, Boonville

Congregation Singing, "What A Friend", Led by Mrs. Smith

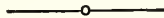
Adjournment



Old fashioned basket dinner on church grounds at 12 o'-
clock, noon, followed by social hour

AFTERNOON SERVICE 1:30 P. M.

Prayer, Rev. Virgil McIntyre, Pastor, Rockport Baptist Church
Congregation Singing, "America", Led by Mrs. Ben Smith
Reading, "From the Heart", Mrs. Lizzie Gentry, Rockport.
Solo, "Songs Our Mothers Sang",..... Mrs. Ben Smith
Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Alda McCoy Honig, Rockport
Address, Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director Indiana Lincoln National
Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Solo, "Mother Machree" John Stuteville, Rockport
Talk, Mr. Hilbert Bennett, National Chairman, Nancy Hanks
Lincoln Stamp Committee.
Announcement of the National Art Jury.
Congregation Singing, "Star Spangled Banner", Led By Mrs.
Ben Smith
Benediction, Rev. A. W. Jarboe, Pastor Santa Claus Methodist
Church.



Co-Chairmen, Reception Committee — Laura Mercy Wright,
Bess V. Ehrmann, assisted by officers of the society.

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The Spencer County Historical Society is sponsoring a movement to ask the United States Government to print and circulate a special Mother's Day Postage Stamp, memorializing Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of the immortal Abraham Lincoln.

The stamp is to be ready for use on Mother's Day in 1943 which will be the 160th anniversary of the birth of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

The Spencer County Historical Society seeks to honor this pioneer woman, whose son, a president of these United States, said, "All that I am and all that I ever hope to be, I owe to my Angel mother."

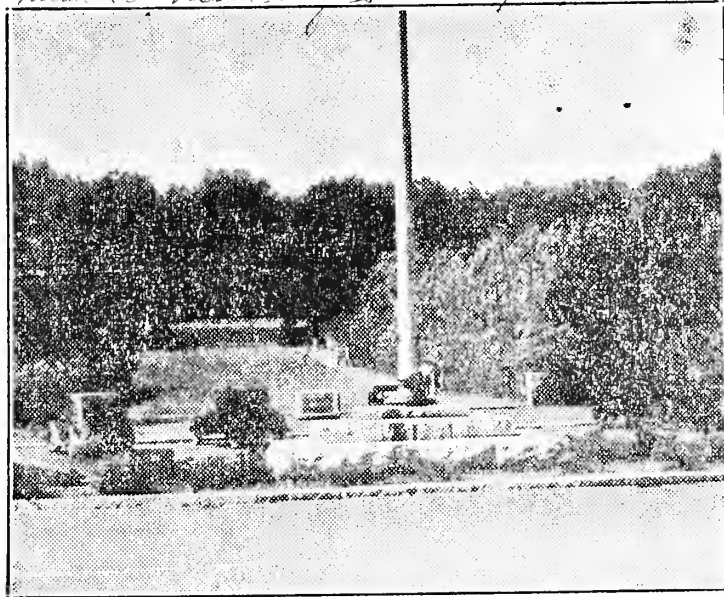
It also wishes to have her name known to every boy and girl in America, her humble influence and rugged goodness to grow with the years.

As there was never a picture of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the Society is calling on the inspired vision of artists, sculptors and painters for a likeness of this mother who cradled a nation's fate in her arms.

The stamp petition is now going into circulation in every state in the union, with thousands of signers and with the endorsement of Governors, Senators, Congressmen, College Presidents and many other men and women of national prominence.

The Society asks the wholehearted support of newspapers, magazines, writers, artists, painters and sculptors in this great undertaking to honor all motherhood and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, a pioneer mother.

Indiana's Memorial To Lincoln Impressive In Natural Simplicity



Approach to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Grave.

Around the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the site of the cabin in which the Lincoln family spent fourteen years on Hoosier soil, Indiana has created a memorial, impressive in its natural simplicity and a shrine of national importance.

This memorial will be the setting for the annual pilgrimage of the Indiana Lincoln Union, commemorating the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and during the year will be visited by thousands from all parts of the country. Sharing in the interest of the visitors is Lincoln state park, adjoining the memorial, with its thousand acres of wooded hills, a lake, picnic areas, trails and drives.

Located in Spencer County, near Lincoln City and accessible over improved highways from all directions, the memorial area and park have been developed by the Department of Conservation with the co-operation of the National Park Service. Other federal work agencies have assisted in the program.

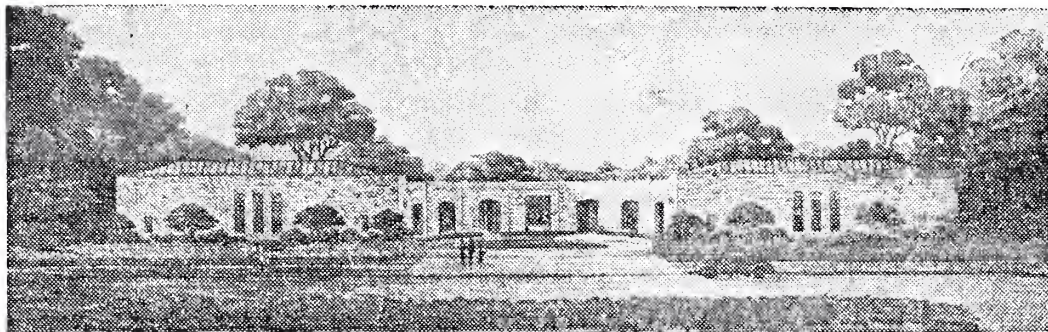
In the development of the memorial area and the establishment of the

park especial care has been taken to retain and enhance the natural beauty while providing such facilities as are necessary for the visitors attracted, Virgil M. Simmons, commissioner of the Department of Conservation, pointed out today. The grave is marked by a simple stone and protected by a low iron fence, erected years ago when interest was aroused in its preservation.

At the site of the cabin to which Thomas Lincoln brought his family and where they lived while Abraham grew to manhood, a marker resembling the foundation logs and the fireplace has been placed by the Lincoln Union. The original hearthstones, discovered during the placing of this marker, have been preserved and add to the interest of visitors.

The memorial area and the park are recognized as one of the important tributes to the "Great Emancipator" taking a place beside the birthplace in Kentucky and the tomb in Illinois. It was in this Hoosier setting that he underwent the experiences and developed the characteristics which marked his later life.

THE WEEK'S NEWS



THE memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of President Abraham Lincoln, envisioned in the architects' drawings above, will begin to take form this spring in the Lincoln State Park, Spencer County, on a site just a quarter of a mile from her grave.

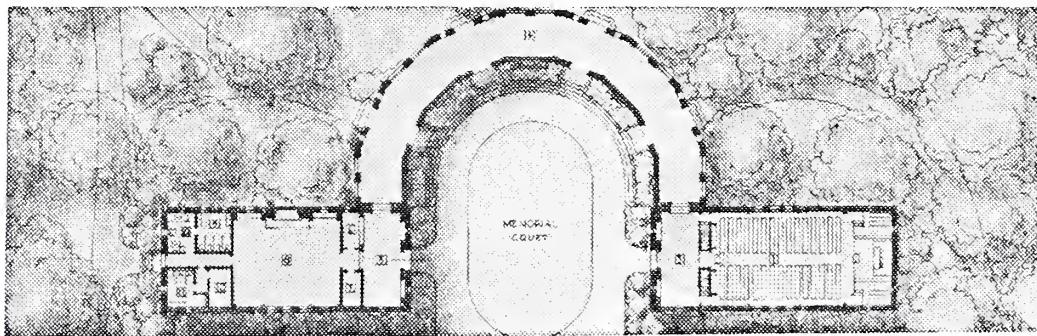
The memorial, sponsored by the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Union, will cost about \$200,000 and will be financed partly by legislative appropriation and partly by subscriptions collected since 1926.

Spencer County Shrine to

Richard E. Bishop, architect borrowed by the Lincoln group from the National Park Service, has conceived two low, stone buildings facing each other across a large memorial court and joined by a semi-circular cloister. The building on the right will house the Abraham Lincoln Hall with a main floor and balcony seating several hundred persons. Lining the inner wall of the cloister will be a series of five tablets, of either

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NEWS IN INDIANA



Honor Lincoln's Mother

stone or bronze, depicting parts of Lincoln's life.

The other structure will be a lounge and rest room, the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Hall, decorated by a mural of some scene from her son's life. Interior decoration throughout

will be Early American and the Lincoln meeting hall will be in exact accord with that in the old State Capitol building at Corydon.

Among other plans which the conservation department is fitting into the development of the park is one for an outdoor amphitheater well to the south of the memorial to accommodate gatherings too large for the meeting hall.

Progress on Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Noted at Annual Service

1941 Indiana Lincoln Memorial
LINCOLN CITY, Ind., Feb. 13 (Spl.)—An official inspection of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial was made yesterday following services in honor of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Work on the memorial has been under way since December and it is expected to be completed by fall. Members of the inspection party included Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union; Richard Bishop, architect; Frank N. Wallace, acting commissioner of conservation, and Charles A. De-Turk, director of the division of state parks, lands and waters.

The Indiana life of the Thomas Lincoln family was described to descendants of Lincoln neighbors in the memorial service yesterday, an annual feature sponsored by the Boonville Press Club and the Lincoln Union. Charles R. Marshall, president of the press club, was in charge and music was provided by the Dale High School band directed by William Nation. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Howard Kipp, Boonville Presbyterian pastor.

Lieber traced the history of the movement for a shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. He told how Anne Studebaker Carlisle fifteen years ago laid a wreath on the grave that had been marked only shortly before. This signaled the inception of the memorial plan, he said.

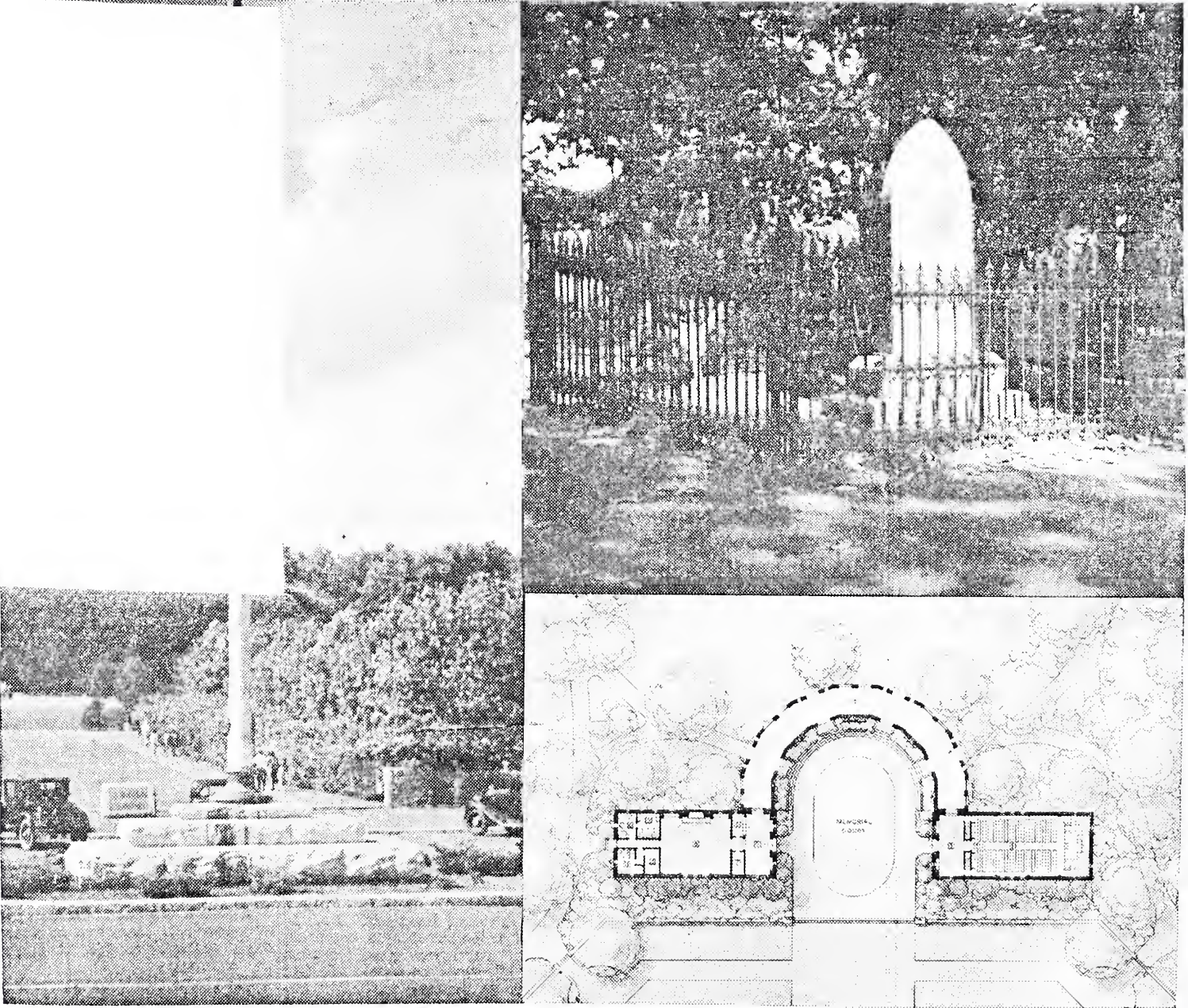
"This was fifteen years ago," Lieber said. "It is not necessary to remind you how dismal the scene looked at that time. There were in the possession of the state twenty acres around this little country graveyard. But fifteen years of faithful application to the self-imposed task have wrought a great change. The acreage alone has expanded by 1,750 acres. Woods and

waters received attention. The symbol of the Lincoln family's cabin has been placed. The dignity of Nancy Hanks's grave has been enhanced by the recognition that hers was only one of many such resting places of her pioneer neighbors."

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Ceremony On May 20 Will Mark 62d Year Of Hoosier Interest In Nancy Hanks Lincoln



Left: From flagstaff court, the allee leads to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the President. . . .

Top, right: The grave itself, sheltered by the trees and friendly hills of southern Indiana. . . .

Below, right: The commemorative building at the memorial will consist of two structures joined by a cloistered walk. As shown on the accompanying plan, the building at the right will house a chapel while that at the left will provide a public lounge.

By LLOYD WILKINS.

Sixty-two years ago, down in southern Indiana's rolling Spencer county, a "city reporter" sought out the clapboard general store in Lincoln City, braved the amused citizenry on its porch and pressed a question.

"Can any of you tell me," he said, "where I can find the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln around here?"

The town postmaster, authority on everything, squinted down from the shaded porch of the store, frowned at the reporter's city clothes and as far as anybody knows spat out into the dust.

"Over there on the knoll," he pointed.

Then, so the story goes, the reporter stumbled through brambles and underbrush, perspiring and scratched, and came upon the unmarked grave of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. The simple monument once there had been chipped away by souvenir hunters.

Scenic Section.

Since that day and the developments that reporter's story brought, the historical part Indiana played in shaping Lincoln's growth to manhood has been an increasing concern to groups of Indiana citizens. Sometimes one

group's interest lagged, but another always has taken up the work.

Next week, on the afternoon of May 20, representatives of some of those groups will assemble in the shelter of those same purple hills that Lincoln knew and with simple ceremony lay the cornerstone of the commemorative building of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial.

Today the 1,770-acre memorial and adjoining park grounds include not only the grave but also picnic shelters, an impounded lake, foot paths, the "trail of historic stones" and the site of the log cabin in which Lincoln lived 14

years, from the time he was 7 to 21 years old. The territory is one of the most scenic sections of the state.

Commemorative Building.

The latest addition—the Commemorative building—will be completed by fall. Its architecture will be simple and dignified. Materials will come exclusively from the Hoosier state, in token of expressing the influence Indiana had in the life of the Civil War President.

Exterior of the structure will be of Indiana limestone, with every stone quarried and hand-tooled. The interior will be of St. Mein-

rad sandstone, material from Spencer county itself. Beams of yellow tulip—the state tree—will support the roof. Furniture will be of yellow tulip, with facing of black cherry.

The building will include an Abraham Lincoln hall—a meeting room for 250 to 300 persons—and Nancy Hanks Lincoln hall, a lounge and rest room. Connecting the two will be a cloistered stone pathway. With completion of the project, the Indiana tribute to Lincoln and his mother will rank with the Lincoln memorials of other states.

To Take Part In Ceremony.

Among those taking part in the cornerstone laying will be Governor Henry F. Schricker, former Governor Ed Jackson, Frank N. Wallace, acting commissioner of the Indiana Department of Conservation; J. I. Holcomb, president of the Indiana Lincoln Union, and Col. Richard Lieber, who has worked 15 years in behalf of the memorial.

Prior to a few years before that reporter found the grave in 1879, Indiana's share in Lincoln's life virtually had been forgotten. As former Governor Jackson later said: "Kentucky has enshrined his birthplace. Illinois guards the national martyr's ashes. The District of Columbia has erected an imposing temple to his undying memory. The state of Indiana has all but forgotten her obligation as well as her opportunity."

After that early reporter's story appeared, P. E. Studebaker of South Bend erected a monument on the grave. In the same year Spencer county commissioners were given a deed to half an acre of land surrounding the spot. Then, in 1897, the grave again was reported in neglect.

Neglect Often Repeated.

Patriotic organizations and former Governor Mount of Indiana helped in a campaign to raise funds for its care. United States Senator J. A. Hemenway contributed \$100 and Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the President, gave \$1,000. Sixteen more acres of land were donated.

That interest lagged, too. By 1906, visitors again told of neglect. The Indiana General Assembly of 1907 created a board of commissioners for the grounds and appropriated \$5,000 for expenses. In 1917 steps were taken to acquire the site of the Lincoln cabin, one-fourth of a mile north from the grave.

Progress was fast in 1925 and

1926. In the former year, the Legislature created a Lincoln Memorial Commission, authorized the building of a permanent memorial and gave control to the Indiana Department of Conservation. Col. Lieber then was at the head of this governmental unit.

In 1926, Col. Lieber and others formed the Indiana Lincoln Union to co-ordinate efforts of the various agencies seeking a memorial. This group, with a fund-raising campaign and hard work, completed the job started long before the turn of the century.

They bought, among other things, 30 acres of Lincoln City, part of which sprawled over the old Thomas Lincoln farm. They moved a restaurant, a garage, a hotel, a schoolhouse, church, 11 houses, seven barns, "a score of sheds, shacks and outhouses. . . ."

A highway was relocated so grave and cabin site would not be separated by traffic. Mud streets and alleys were regraded and the ground sodded. Workers set out 22,441 forest trees and 15,218 native shrubs. A "boyhood trail" was built from the cabin site to the grave. For 15 years, with nature softening the scars, the work progressed.

Today a motorist drives into the memorial along a smooth roadway and parks near Flagstaff court. There is a stone bearing a bronze plaque, and on the plaque are these words:

"You are facing the wooded knoll on which sleeps Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the President, who lived in this Hoosier environment during the formative years of his life from 1816 to 1830.

"Beyond, to the north, is marked the site of the humble log cabin where she led him for a little while along the path to greatness."

Citizens and State Join at Lincoln Shrine Ceremonies

1941
LINCOLN CITY, May 21. — In ceremonies at the memorialized grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln yesterday, Hoosiers marked another milestone in the payment of a 'long-standing debt to the greatest American—Abraham Lincoln.'

High state public and civic leaders took part in the ceremony of laying the cornerstone for the Commemorative Building of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial—part of a huge national shrine rising here commemorating the boyhood of Lincoln and the death of his mother here.

Members of the Lincoln Union, organized 15 years ago to raise funds for the Lincoln Shrine, Governor Henry F. Schricker and others who worked on the project, attended.

Richard Lieber, who was Conservation Department head when the Lincoln Memorial plans were first put into action, reviewed the history of the Lincoln Memorial efforts, quoting from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the hundreds gathered for the services:

"We, too, who have come to dedicate find it proper to do so, 'But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground' . . . those . . . 'who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. . . . It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work' . . . 'to the great task remaining before us.'"

Virgil M. Simmons, former Conservation Department director, who was instrumental in co-ordinating the work of the Lincoln Union with the state government, told the audience that in laying the cornerstone "we symbolize again the achievement possible through the democratic processes of government, when the agencies of government and the citizens join their

efforts to attain some worthy goal."

"As long as this building shall endure; as long as we individuals and as part of a society continue to draw inspiration from scenes such as these and from the lives of those whom we honor here—so long shall we continue a free people, and in the words of the immortal Lincoln, whose boyhood was spent among these hills, 'this nation shall not perish from the earth.'"

The Lincoln Memorial has been paid for by public gifts from Indiana citizens, including small contributions from about 40,000 Hoosier school children, and State and Federal funds.

Only about 20 acres of land was owned by the state when it first saw fit to create a suitable memorial; now there are more than 1700 acres, including a park. Already built are bronze reproductions of the hearthstones and foundation logs from the old family home of Lincoln. The project represents an outlay of about \$400,000.

The ceremonies today marked payment of the "debt" to Lincoln which former Governor Ed Jackson said in 1926 "the people of our State owe to the memory of the greatest American."

**Lay Stone of Memorial
to Nancy Hanks Lincoln**

Lincoln City, Ind., May 20 (A).—
The corner stone was laid today for
a commemorative building near the
grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and
the site of the cabin in which her
son, Abraham Lincoln, spent part of
his boyhood. Gov. Schricker and
other state officials participated in
the ceremony. Col. Richard Lieber,
who as head of the state conserva-
tion department led the way for cre-
ation of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln
Memorial park, was one of the prin-
cipal speakers. 5-21-41

Indiana to Erect Sculptured Memorial At Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park

Capital Man to Carve Panels of Limestone

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 9.—A memorial to Abraham Lincoln will be constructed at the Nancy Hanks Lincoln State Park at Lincoln City, Ind., and Indiana limestone will be used, the Indiana Department of Conservation and the Lincoln Union, joint sponsors, announced Saturday in preparation for purchase of materials for the shrine.

Termed the "largest sculptured Lincoln memorial in the world" it will be carved by E. H. Daniels, Indianapolis sculptor, who has opened a studio at Jasper, where he will do research before beginning the task.

The memorial calls for carving of five Indiana limestone panels, thirteen and a half feet wide and eight feet high. The 540 square feet of flat stone will depict five phases of Lincoln's life and will be on the cloister of the new memorial being built in Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park.

Lincoln's life in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Washington, D. C., will be shown. On the right end of the cloister will be a stone building which will be called Nancy Hanks Hall, and at the other end will be Abe Lincoln Hall.

4-H Exhibit to Be Aug. 12-13.

The annual Lawrence County 4-H and Gold Medal Exhibit will be held August 12-13 at the Purdue Experimental Farm, near Bedford, Lawrence County Agent John F. Armstrong announced. In the exhibits will be specimens from 4-H Home Economics Clubs and 4-H livestock, crops and gold medal livestock projects.

Limestone Has 50-50 Chance.

The Indiana limestone industry has a fifty-fifty chance for supplying building material for the proposed \$35,000,000 War Department Building on the Potomac River in Virginia, L. E. Donaldson, Bedford, president of the Indiana Limestone Corporation, announced Saturday. Mr. Donaldson returned from Washington where he carried a fight for Indiana limestone before War Department officials. Sandstone and marble interests also were represented, Donaldson said.



E. H. DANIELS
Sculptor for new memorial.

and is expected here by the first of the week.

Mrs. Pearl Smith, Bedford, was selected as project supervisor. The price of each mattress will be \$1.25, the committee decided.

Goes 3½ Tons Over Quota.

Lawrence County contributed more than 7,500 pounds over its quota to the national aluminum drive, Mayor C. J. Donovan, of Bedford, said.

Ticking Has Been Shipped.

Arrival of enough cotton ticking to make more than 500 mattresses will signal the start of Lawrence County's A.A.A.-sponsored project to supply bedding for needy, William Edwards, A.A.A. chairman, Bedford, announced Saturday.

Edwards said the ticking has been shipped from Buffalo, S. C.,

Life Of Lincoln To Be Depicted On Stone Slabs

DETROIT, Nov. 6 .—(U.P.)—The largest sculptured Lincoln memorial in the world will be erected in the cloister of Nancy Hanks hall in Lincoln State Park near Lincoln City, Ind., by the Indiana Department of Conservation and the Indiana Lincoln Union.

The memorial will depict on Indiana limestone panels, 8 by 13½ feet, five phases of Lincoln's life in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Washington.

E. H. Daniels, Indianapolis sculptor, has been selected to create these panels. Daniels was born in Owosso, Mich., in 1905, and lived in Cadillac and Grand Rapids, Mich., before moving to Indiana. His father, H. J. Daniels, was associated with newspapers in Michigan cities.

Daniels has located a studio near the memorial and expects to complete the work in 1943. A Lincoln bust which Daniels created in 1940 will be featured in the Lincoln hall of the memorial.

Contracts Let For Lincoln Memorial

Cost of Additions
Fixed At \$98,258

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Indianapolis, Nov. 23 (AP)—Virgil M. Simmons, State conservation director, announced Saturday the awarding of contracts totaling \$98,258 for additions to the Lincoln Memorial at the Nancy Hanks Lincoln State Park in Spencer County.

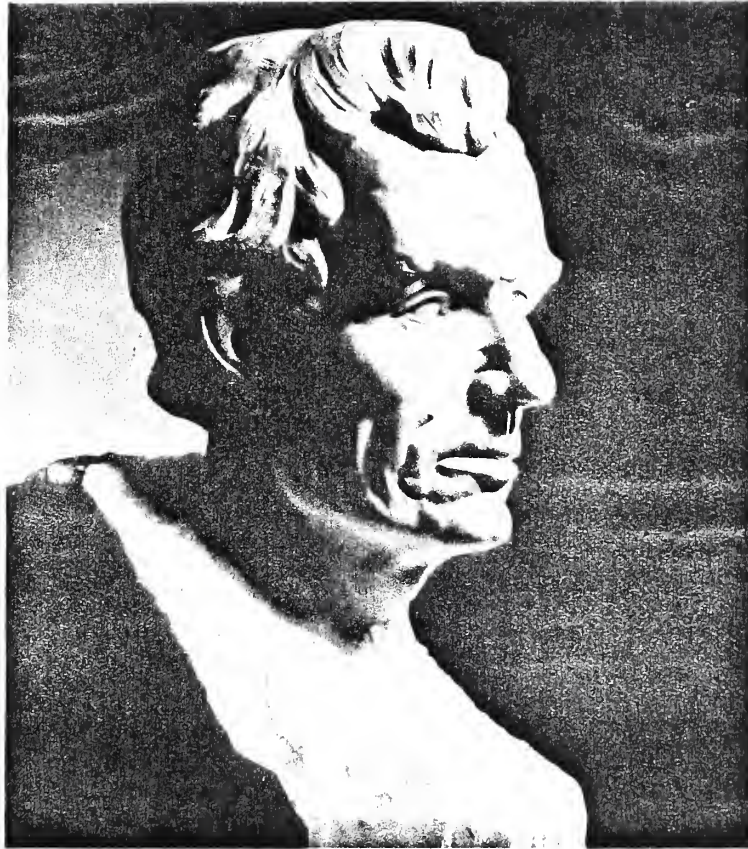
The general and electric contract went to W. A. Armstrong of Terre Haute on a bid of \$65,660 and the plumbing and heating award was made to the Tri-State Plumbing and Heating Company of Evansville for \$11,484.

The Sare-Hoadley Stone Company of Bloomington, which bid \$20,750, received the stone contract. Indiana limestone and St. Meinrad sandstone will be used.

The memorial site will be staked out Wednesday. The work must be completed by November 18, 1941. The memorial will consist of two buildings—both assembly halls—facing each other, and a circular memorial court.

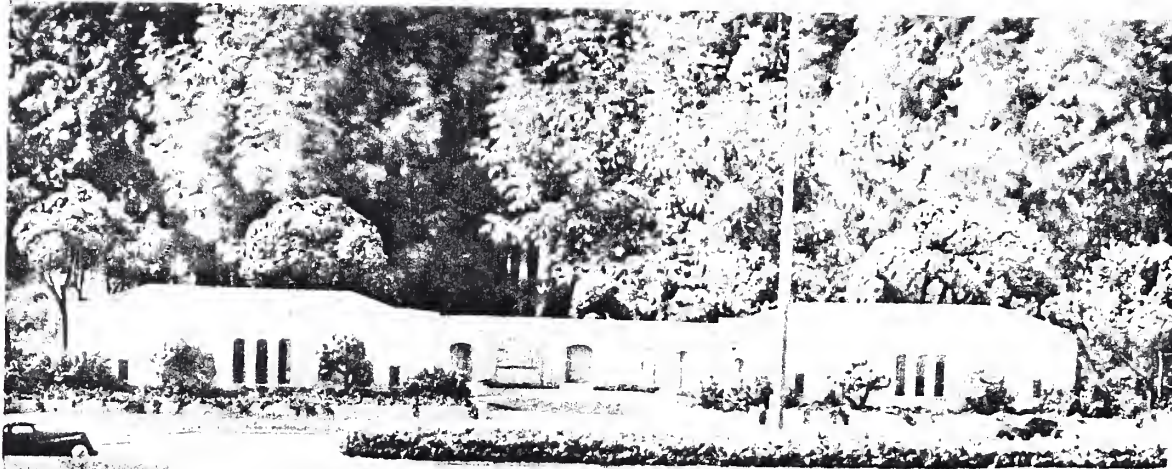
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New Lincoln Shrine

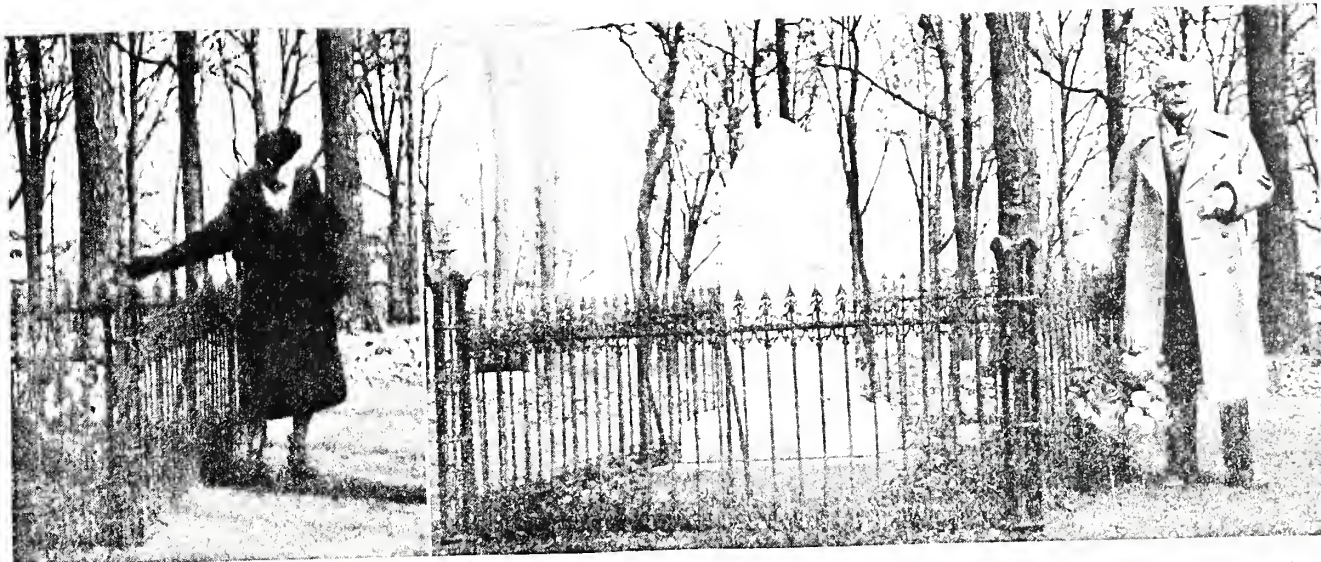


An imposing new Lincoln shrine is being completed near Lincoln City, Ind., in the hills of Spencer County, at the Nancy Hanks Lincoln State Park. The five sculptured panels and a bust of Lincoln that will feature the memorial are the work of E. H. Daniels, of Indianapolis, who was born in Owosso, Mich., and was graduated from high school in Grand Rapids where his father was editor of the Herald. The memorial, which is being built jointly by the Indiana Department of Conservation and the Indiana Lincoln Union will not be completed until 1943. Daniels' bust of "Lincoln in 1840" appears above.

—Facts and Photos from Robert T. Harrison



Exact in every detail, this scale model shows the Indiana Lincoln Memorial as it will appear when completed. The project will cost approximately \$150,000.



Left—Mrs. Bess Gross, secretary of the Boonville Press Club, places a memorial wreath on the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Right—Col. Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union, presided during the exercises.

Annual Pilgrimage Draws Officials to Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, February 12

Wreaths Placed by Indiana Lincoln Union and Boonville Press Club—
Progress of Memorial Building Construction Inspected

Traditional memorial exercises were held at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln on Feb. 12—birthday of Abraham Lincoln—with the Indiana Lincoln Union, the Department of Conservation, and the Boonville Press Club participating. Combined with the pilgrimage to the grave was an official inspection of progress in the construction of the memorial building and the plans for the sculptored panels which will be a feature of the structure.

The exercises were again sponsored by the Indiana Lincoln Union, following a custom started nearly a quarter of a century ago. The Union was represented by Col. Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee and a member of the Joint Building Committee of the Union and Department of Conservation, in charge of erecting the memorial. A wreath was placed on the grave by Col. Lieber following a tribute to Nancy Hanks and her distinguished son. The wreath for the Boonville Press Club was placed by Mrs. Bess Gross, secretary of that organization.

Speaking during the memorial exercises, Hugh A. Barnhart, director of the Department of Conservation, pointed out that the Lincoln Memorial and state park typify the simple life of our great President and his mother. The cabin site and grave will be restored and maintained as they were in the early eighties. The memorial buildings, he said, fashioned and constructed of native stone and timber by sons of Spencer County pioneers, will breathe the very spirit of the great Emancipator while the five pictorial panels, sculptored by a Hoosier, will tell the story of Lincoln's life better than words. The adjoining recreation area will at-

tract an endless stream of visitors to enjoy the great outdoors while they pay homage to a pioneer mother and son.

Continuing, he pointed to the fact that "our tributes today would be incomplete without some reference to the men and women whose persistent efforts and whose leadership brought about the consecration of this area and its preservation as one of the great shrines of our state and nation. It is to them that we owe a great debt of gratitude for having brought their vision and their dream into reality. The Department of Conservation, as a representative of the people and their state government, has had and will continue to play a part in this memorial development, an inspiring example of how government and the people can work in harmony for the accomplishment of worth-while achievement.

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THE NANCY HANKS LINCOLN MEMORIAL

October 5th marks the anniversary of Lincoln's Mother's death and the effort to properly preserve and memorialize her burial place and the surrounding acres is now approaching completion. With the exception of a few walks to be laid, some trees and shrubbery to be replaced and an heroic oil painting to be hung over the massive fireplace in the Nancy Hanks Hall, a beautification program which has been in progress for twenty years is ready for final inspection.

Direct supervision of the Nancy Hanks burial ground was vested in the Department of Conservation of the State of Indiana in 1925. This group was ably supported by the Indiana Lincoln Union, a citizen's committee appointed by the governor, with the objective before them to adequately recognize by a suitable memorial, the cabin site where Abraham Lincoln lived for fourteen years and the adjacent land where his mother was buried.

The editor of Lincoln Lore having been directly or indirectly associated with the project from its very beginning has watched its development with the keenest interest, and the most critical observer must admit that an impressive tribute has been paid to the mother of Lincoln. The mother motif has been the dominant element in the planning of the memorial from the time the project first came under the guiding influence of the brilliant and sympathetic conservator, the late Richard Lieber.

By far the most impressive spot on the reservation, regardless of all that has been done to create a memorial atmosphere, is the grave of Mrs. Lincoln with its simple but beautiful headstone erected in 1879 by P. E. Studebaker, "a friend of her martyred son."

One is better prepared to appreciate the atmosphere of this sacred spot, however, by a marker standing at the entrance of the impressive allee which bears this inscription:

YOU ARE FACING THE WOODED KNOWL ON WHICH SLEEPS NANCY HANKS LINCOLN, MOTHER OF THE PRESIDENT WHO LIVED IN THIS HOOSIER ENVIRONMENT DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE FROM 1816 TO 1830.

BEYOND, TO THE NORTH, IS MARKED THE SITE OF THE HUMBLE LOG CABIN WHERE SHE LED HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE ALONG THE PATH TO GREATNESS.

The memorial edifice, located at the end of the allee is impressive indeed. It consists of two low buildings connected by a cloister with a memorial court in the center. The stone used in these buildings is Indiana limestone and sandstone and the wood is native timber. The companion structures externally are similar in design but the interiors are in severe contrast. The Abraham Lincoln Hall presents a formal auditorium with white benches of colonial influence. The Nancy Hanks Hall displays a huge living room with its mammoth fireplace and furnishing appropriately designed and arranged.

The covered cloistered walk which connects the two halls provides through its apertures, in the form of doors or windows, a vista of the wooded area which was the play-ground of Abraham Lincoln. The walls of the cloistered walk which face the court have been ornamented by the use of five sculptured panels which depict

as many periods in Lincoln history. The Kentucky panel—"Childhood Years," The Indiana panel—"Boyhood Days," The Illinois panel—"Political Ascendency," Washington panel—"Command," and the last, The Apotheosis—"and now he belongs to the ages."

In the nine rectangular spaces over the respective panels and apertures, there have been inscribed these axioms from Lincoln's own writings and speeches. The quotations follow in the clock-wise order in which they appear:

AND HAVING THUS CHOSEN OUR COURSE,
WITHOUT GUILF AND WITH PURE PURPOSE,
LET US RENEW OUR TRUST IN GOD.

Message to Congress, July 4, 1861.

WE MUST NOT BE ENEMIES. THOUGH
PASSION MAY HAVE STRAINED, IT MUST
NOT BREAK OUR BONDS OF AFFECTION.

First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861.

LABOR IS THE GREAT SOURCE FROM
WHICH NEARLY ALL, IF NOT ALL, HUMAN
COMFORTS AND NECESSITIES ARE DRAWN.

Address at Cincinnati, Sept. 17, 1859.

SURELY EACH MAN HAS AS STRONG A
MOTIVE NOW TO PRESERVE OUR LIBERTIES
AS EACH HAD THEN TO ESTABLISH THEM.

Message to Congress, July 4, 1861.

AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE
BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE,
SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

Address at Gettysburg, Nov. 16, 1863.

HAVE FAITH THAT RIGHT MAKES MIGHT, AND
IN THAT FAITH, LET US, TO THE END, DARE
TO DO OUR DUTY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT.

Address at Cooper Union, Feb. 27, 1860.

IT WILL HAVE BEEN PROVED THAT AMONG
FREE MEN THERE CAN BE NO SUCCESSFUL
APPEAL FROM THE BALLOT TO THE BULLET.

Letter to James C. Conkling, Aug. 26, 1863.

TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND
CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE
AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS.

Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865.

I HOLD THAT, IN CONTEMPLATION OF
UNIVERSAL LAW, AND OF THE CONSTITUTION,
THE UNION OF THESE STATES IS PERPETUAL.

First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861.

Country Needs Leader Like Lincoln Today-'Kal'

(BY 'KAL' VINEGAR)

Abraham Lincoln!

What does he mean to me?

What would the farmers of Howard county, of Cass, Miami and Grant counties, give for such a man as Abraham Lincoln as a candidate for president at the present time?

Much ink has been spilled during recent months, over the possibility and advisability of selecting the next president from the Middlewest.



"KAL"

The idea behind such talk is that such a man would be more capable of understanding the trials and tribulations of the so-called common classes of our

section.

But what would it profit us were we to send a Lowden or a Dawes to the White House, if their hearts were not right.

Abraham Lincoln was of the common people. He suffered with and fought for them from childhood to manhood. Mauling rails and

keeping a country store in his youth, convinced him that "Oppression should be suppressed" in this Land of the Free.

Would Abraham Lincoln, have vetoed the Farm Relief bill after the majority of our congress had indorsed it? Would he have waited until he had a chance to take a vacation in the Black Hills, before really making up his mind that "Four Fifths of the United States does not lie East of Pittsburgh?"

The only answer we can figure out is an emphatic—NO!

Honest Abe undoubtedly would have been able to suggest more sensible legislation than the bill railroaded through by congress in behalf of the farmers.

And he was fearless enough to fight out such a fight to the finish, without too much regard for the modern American idea that those in high places must be friendly with Trusts, Combines and Utilities, if the country is to be prosperous.

Regardless of politics, Abe Lincoln, is one of the greatest, if not the greatest American. At least he occupies that niche in the mind of Kal Vinegar.

A self made man, a country lad who dodged flying splinters, while mauling out rails at considerably less than ten dollars a day, Abe Lincoln matched wits with brightest minds of his time and seldom came off second best.

Why?

Because he was fighting for the right!

The highest tribute we can possibly pay Abraham Lincoln, is to say that he thoroughly understood and believed the old Biblical phrase

"I am my brother's keeper!"

ILLINOIS PANEL

1830-1861

The Illinois panel depicts the election of Abraham Lincoln to Congress in 1846.

The figures are from left to right (facing panel).

Major John T. Stuart, born 1807...Lincoln's first law partner....Stuart and Lincoln 1837-1841.

Stuart was an Illinois Senator from 1836 to 1840 and in 1842 was elected to the lower house.

The second figure is that of Hon. Stephen T. Logan, born Feb. 24th 1800. Judge Logan was Lincoln's second law partner, 1841-1844. He was a leader and boss of the Whigs in Central Illinois.

Joshua Speed, the Third figure was Lincoln's earliest Springfield friend and with whom he shared a room over the former's store. Speed moved back to Kentucky some time before the 1846 Election, but returned for visits frequently.

William Herndon is the fourth figure in the panel. His partnership with Lincoln lasted from 1843-1865 the year of Lincoln's death. Herndon was ten years younger than Lincoln. He was twenty-seven at the time of the election, and beginning to walk in Lincoln's footsteps, seeking his advice and help at every opportunity.

Lincoln at the age of thirty-seven stands next in the panel...receiving the congratulations of Herndon and Speed.

Seated on Lincoln's left is Simeon Francis, Editor of the Illinois State Journal and great supporter of Lincoln in the 1846 campaign. Lincoln appointed him a paymaster in the Civil War.

Behind Francis stands Mary Todd Lincoln.

The last figure in the panel is that of Orville F. Browning. He was a resident of Quincy Illinois but was strong in the Supreme and Federal courts of Springfield. Browning served with Lincoln in the legislature and both he and Mrs. Browning were very close to Lincoln. Browning was born in Kentucky on Feb. 10, 1806, coming to Illinois in 1831.

Indiana Lincoln Union

The appointment of a Historical Research and Reference Committee, composed of leading Indiana historical workers, to cooperate with the Indiana Lincoln Union in the gathering and disseminating of historical data pertaining to the Indiana boyhood days of Abraham Lincoln, was announced today by Richard Lieber, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union.

"The Indiana Lincoln Union, aside from its purpose to sponsor the movement to establish a physical testimonial of Indiana's appreciation of the life of Abraham Lincoln and pay decent tribute to his mother at her grave in Spencer County, has a very definite obligation to perform in interpreting the Indiana influences that contributed to the development of Lincoln's character during the fourteen formative years that he spent in her frontier environment," Mr. Lieber said.

In naming the members of the historical committee, Mr. Lieber said that it had been the intention to include men and women who would represent all the historical groups in the state that have devoted years of sympathetic study to the work.

(of Rockport) *(of Evansville)*
Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann, President of the Southwestern Historical Society, an organization founded by John E. Iglehart about eight years ago, having as one of its purposes, the interpreting of the pioneer influences on the life of Lincoln, was named Chairman. Referring to the work that has been done by the Southwestern Historical Society, Miss Ida Tarbell, the noted Lincoln historian, recently said that research work of the Society was enabling the Lincoln historians to chart Abraham Lincoln in historical literature for the first time. "Up to this time", she said, "there seems to have been an unwillingness to concede that anything elevating touched him. The whole emphasis has been on the sordid and vulgar, which, as nearly as I can make out, is incident to life everywhere. There was abundance of character and high notions of life in the atmosphere of Southwestern Indiana when young Lincoln lived there, and you cannot make me believe that he did not respond to what was in the air."

Dr. C. B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, was named Secretary of the Committee. He has been instrumental in encouraging and publishing new historical literature concerning the early pioneer days of this state. Through his efforts, much of the data relating to the frontier environment that surrounded young Lincoln is available to the historians for the first time.

In accepting membership on the Committee, Mr. Iglehart, ~~who has been~~ one of the leading figures in the Lincoln historical work in Southwestern Indiana, said: "Abraham Lincoln typifies the American spirit - traits that have come to be recognized as the most characteristic - which was developed in the new commonwealths that sprang into life beyond the seaboard. In these new Western lands, Americans achieved a boldness, a conception of the country's destiny and democracy. The ideal of the West was their emphasis upon the worth and possibilities of the common man, their belief in the right of

every man to rise to the full measure of his own nature under conditions of social mobility.

"Abraham Lincoln was the first true product of the mid-western frontier, and should be recognized as an Indianian moulded by Indiana influence in the formative period of his life.

"Any national memorial to Abraham Lincoln must take into account the conditions of pioneer folk of the region which gave him birth, and attempt to understand that Indiana society in which he lived, and recognize the significance of the transitional zone of the Ohio Valley in American history. The pioneer influences of his community did much to shape his life and the development of the raw frontiersman into the statesman was not unlike the development of his own state. No-one can understand the presidency of Abraham Lincoln without proper appreciation of the deep influences of the Ohio Valley, its ideals and its prejudices upon America's original contribution to the great men of the world. Lincoln was the very flower of frontier training and ideals. He represents the Pioneers of the period.

"The Ohio Valley pioneer society, the transitional zone between the settlers coming from New England and the middle states, on the one hand, and the slave-holding Southern settlers on the other, had an important and continuous influence upon Lincoln's policy. He came from that social environment; there, he could understand North and South, East and West - the nation. His policy with reference both to Union and Emancipation was shaped with full recognition of the importance of proceeding in touch with this mediating section.

"Lincoln represented what was best in frontier qualities and in the region that gave him birth and shaped his early life. He was the leader who expressed them and made them understood by the rest of the nation. But he was also himself. Like all real leaders, he was guide as well as exponent. Through his personality, not only his own region, but the nation, found new trails. Whatever may be the changes in this age of industrialism, the historian of our past must recognize that Lincoln guided the frontier democracy of his time into the open road of nationalism and freedom, building his policy on the broad foundation of democratic hope and unity, - the heritage from the frontier life - into a durable nation of many sections, with optimistic faith in the future development of man and society.

"The Southwestern Indiana Historical Society for which I particularly speak, feels, I am sure, that now is the time and the Lincoln Union, under able and efficient leadership, is the organization which, with the support of the people and their various organizations, can successfully raise the money and complete the work of a fitting memorial to both Nancy Hanks and her great son.

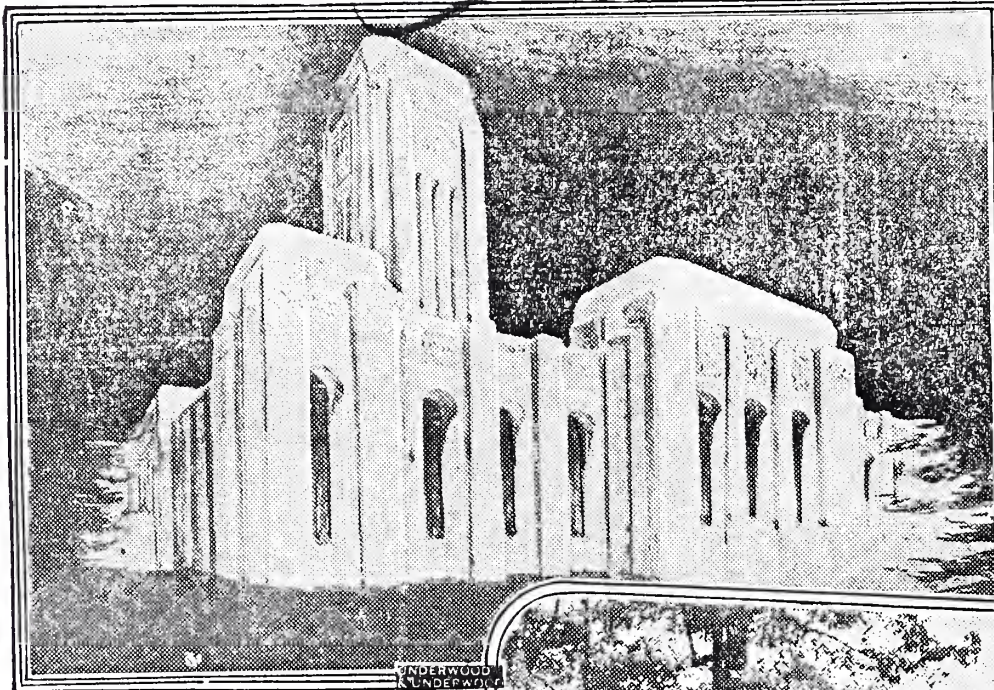
"It is said of Cornelia that Rome owed more to the mother of the Gracchi than to all of her grammarians. So the obligation of

Indiana today to the mother of Abraham Lincoln is supreme and should now be fittingly recognized.

Other members of the Committee are:

•Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville; Mrs. Deirdre Duff Johnson, Mt. Vernon; •Mr. D. Frank Culbertson, Vincennes; •Roscoe Kiper, Boonville; •Thomas James de la Hunt, Cannelton; George R. Wilson, Indianapolis; Charles N. Thompson, Indianapolis; Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis; Linnaeus N. Hines, Terre Haute; Harry W. Glossbrenner, Indianapolis; •James A. Woodburn, Bloomington; William Fortune, Indianapolis; •Lew O'Bannon, Corydon; •Dr. Logan Esarey, Bloomington; Dr. Louis A. Warren, Zionsville; •Thomas J. Wilson, Corydon; •George H. Honig, Evansville; Arthur Brady, Anderson.

A New Lincoln Memorial



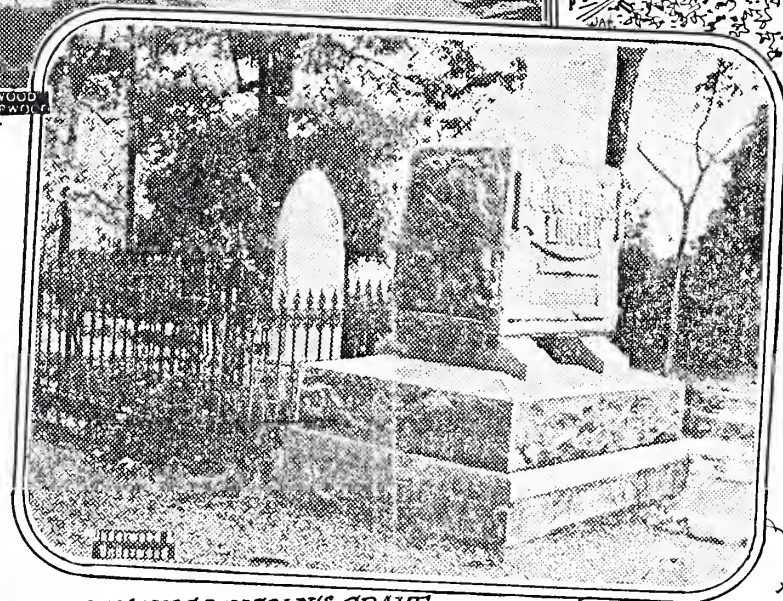
PROPOSED LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN SPENCER COUNTY, IND

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON



FOURTEEN states in the Union and some thirty cities have Lincoln memorials of one sort or another. Kentucky, which gave him birth, has one of the most imposing—the magnificent temple at Hodgenville, where is enshrined the rude log cabin in which he was born on February 12, 1809. Illinois, which first sent him into public life and gave him to the nation as its President at one of the most critical periods in its history, has a score or more reminders of his greatness. But it is a curious fact that the state in which he lived during fourteen of the formative years of his life for a long time did not have a single memorial erected in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

That state is Indiana, to which he came at the age of seven. It was in Indiana that he got most of his little schooling; it was there that he earned his first dollar; it was there that he, first met with the neighboring youth in a country cross-roads store, first read the newspapers and got in touch with the outside world, first began to discuss politics, first took part in public debates and first read law. The soil of the Hoosier state was particularly dear to him because it holds the body of the mother who bore him and that of his only sister who was married, lived and died there.



NANCY HANKS LINCOLN'S GRAVE

The only exception to the statement that Indiana was strangely laggard in honoring a man whom she could properly claim as one of her greatest sons is the fact that more than fifty years ago, after vandal hands had cut to pieces the first marker erected by citizens in Spencer county over the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, another and more imposing marker was erected there by Clement Studebaker of South Bend. So it is especially appropriate that his daughter, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, should be the president of the Indiana Lincoln Union, which is now engaged in the work of raising a fund of more than a million dollars to erect on Indiana soil a national shrine to commemorate the lives of Lincoln and his mother.

Three years ago, on Mother's day, the executive committee of the union held memorial services at the grave



LINCOLN CABIN IN INDIANA

of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and pledged itself to the patriotic task. On that occasion, an aviator zooming low over the grave and cabin site, dropped this message:

TO THE MANES OF NANCY HANKS LINCOLN

The men and women of today are here beside your grave.

Among the guarding trees, to make their vow, your name

Shall never die. And to their praise, add our tribute, from the sky.

We are the artificers of the past, whose handicraft

Has gained the praise of men. With stone and clay,

With brush and pen, we wrought, to leave expressions of the truth we found.

But you—You dared to take A living child, a plastic infant mind, to mold

Into a soul of love, an instrument divine. Your genius

Used an art that ours was mean beside. To you then,

Master Artist, we send our word of praise.

Through devious paths that masked the way,

You led with kindly hand, a child into the light of truth. And made an honest man.

The memorial will include the spot where the Lincoln cabin stood and the grave where his mother lies buried. It is intended that it shall in all respects typify the pioneer days when Lincoln was a youth. The plans of Frederick Law Olmstead, landscape architect of Brookline, Mass., which have been adopted, include the complete restoration of the area with appropriate markers, a magnificent memorial hall and the pioneer atmosphere of native trees and shrubbery, with a small body of water and a clearing.

The proposed national memorial will link the three states of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois in the perpetuation of Lincoln's life and labors preparatory to his great destiny. It also honors the memory of the pioneer mother who gave him to the world.

The story of that pioneer mother is one of the most appealing in all American history. "A backwoods madonna," Dr. William E. Barton calls her and in his book, "The Women Lincoln Loved," published by an Indiana publishing company, Bobbs-Merrill of Indianapolis, he gives this graphic word picture of her life, and her death, in the state to which is given the privilege of caring for her grave:

Southern Indiana was then a wild region, and the settlements back of the Ohio river were few and sparse. There were at first no regular church services, no physicians, no schools. Perhaps Thomas Lincoln did not regret the absence of schools so much as Nancy did. There is no reason to believe that he opposed such education as his children were able to secure, but apparently the mother was more intent on the securing of an education for her children than was the father. Abraham and Sarah had attended school portions of two terms in Kentucky. They had learned to spell and had begun to read. But there were no schools in their neighborhood in Indiana during Nancy's lifetime. If Abraham and Sarah learned anything more, they learned it from Nancy, or from Dennis Hanks, whom the Sparrows had sent to school in the old Baptist meeting-house on Nolin, and who claimed, with some apparent reason, to have grounded Abraham Lincoln in the elements of his education. There were very few books in the home of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, and the same condition prevailed in all other homes in the neighborhood.

For two years Nancy Hanks Lincoln dwelt in Indiana, and saw some approach to comfort in the conditions of

her home. Gradually the cleared area of land and "deadening" around the cabin widened, and the acreage of corn increased. The stock of poultry and of bacon grew, and the "pinching times," while not pushed far back into the woods, were not at the door as they were at the beginning. Conditions appeared to promise a reasonably comfortable future for the family.

Abraham Lincoln was old enough now to look with more possibility of appreciation on this mother of his, and to estimate somewhat her qualities. She was now approaching the age of thirty-five. She was above medium height and had a slight stoop as though predisposed to consumption. She weighed about a hundred and thirty pounds. Her complexion was dark, and her face was thin and sallow. Her forehead was unusually high, and all her relatives commented on this feature of her appearance as belonging to and exhibiting her intellectual nature. She was usually cheerful, but her face in repose was sad. At times she displayed a marked tendency to mirth, but she had moods of melancholy.

Abraham had a boy's limitation of judgment; perhaps he did not appreciate these qualities so fully in his youth as he did later, but we have no reason to suppose that he was wholly blind to them. She was a good mother to him, and he knew it. She was ambitious for him, and desired that he should have the opportunities which both she and her husband had missed.

The autumn of 1818 brought to southern Indiana a terrible sickness, afflicting both man and beast. The cattle were first to suffer from it, contracting the disease from eating the foliage of snake-root, and as it was found to have been their milk that carried the illness to their human owners, it was called "the milk-sickness." A number of the people in the neighborhood where the Lincoln lived contracted the disease and died. Levi and Nancy Hall died, and so did Thomas and Betsy Sparrow. Two uncles and aunts, one couple being her foster parents, were swept away as with a flood.

Then Nancy herself contracted the disease. There was no physician within 35 miles. We have the testimony of a neighbor who was an eye-witness, that Abraham and his sister were faithful in waiting on their mother, and doing what they could for her. "She struggled on," says this neighbor "a good Christian woman, and died

on the seventh day after she was taken sick. The mother knew that she was going to die. She was very weak, and the children leaned over her while she gave her last messages. Placing her feeble hand on Abe's head, she told him to be kind and good to his father and sister. To both she said 'Be good to one another,' expressing a hope that they might live, as they had been taught by her, to love their kindred and worship God." Thus, at the age of thirty-five, on October 5, 1818, died this madonna of the backwoods, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Doctor Barton then tells how Abraham assisted his father in sawing out the planks from which he made the coffin, how they buried her on the hill beside her foster-parents and how no funeral sermon was preached over her grave until months later, when Rev. David Elkins came that way and conducted services. First there was an opening hymn with David Elkins "lining out, two lines at a time," then a "simple and heart-felt eulogy of the dead and a stern admonition to the living" and finally a closing hymn—"with it rose the courage and faith of those who sang."

Then came the word of blessing, and Thomas Lincoln took the hands of his two weeping children and led them

back to his desolate home. The feet of millions of pilgrims have walked and will walk that path. They will stand within the granite temple that now enshrines the log walls within which, at Hodgenville, the maternal pain of Nancy Hanks gave to the world her son Abraham; and they will tread recently through the leafy aisles of the State park at Gentryville, where a massive granite stone now marks the spot which Abraham Lincoln in his boyhood watered with his tears.

He loved his mother while she lived, and he loved her memory afterward. It was a pathetic memory, and had in it elements concerning which he was properly reticent; but as to his inheritance through her of the qualities which he deemed to be some of the best within him, he spoke with deep feeling, "God bless my mother. All that I am or hope to be I owe to her." Although in this utterance, her son spoke of the mental traits he thought himself to have inherited from her, rather than her direct influence over him, it was of her mind and character he spoke when he said that however unpromising her early surroundings might have been "she was highly intellectual by nature, had a strong memory, accurate judgment, and was cool and heroic."

To him, as he looked back upon it from the standpoint of later experience, it seemed her life had been a tragedy. But we are not sure that she so regarded it. She had sad experiences, and times of depression, but she had lived and learned and loved. She had known the joys of wifehood and motherhood. She had never suffered hunger or neglect. Always there were those who cared for her and for whom she cared. To her it may not have seemed that hers had been a sad life; and she left that which permanently brightened the life of humanity.

Though the world has acclaimed Abraham Lincoln as one of the greatest men who ever lived, they were simple people, this mother and this son. So the simplicity of his character is stressed by the architect, Thomas Hibben of Indianapolis, in his design for the main building of the proposed Lincoln memorial.

CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN LET TO COMPLETE LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN SPENCER COUNTY

**Work On Two New Buildings
Is Expected To Be Completed
In November**

Completion of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial among the rolling hills of Spencer county where the Lincoln family lived for 14 years, has been assured by the award of contracts for construction of the memorial building.

The low structure of Indiana limestone and St. Meinrad sandstone will include two buildings, joined by a cloistered walk. One building will house the chapel and the other a public lounge and rest-rooms. Scenes from Lincoln's life will be portrayed on the walls of the walk connecting the buildings. The memorial building will be located on the south side of the memorial plaza, facing the wooded knoll on which Nancy Hanks Lincoln was buried.

Finished By Fall

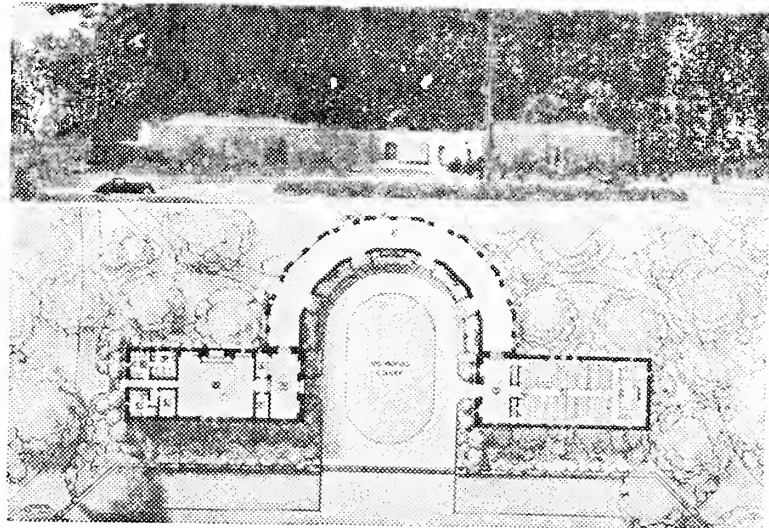
Construction of the memorial building is being financed jointly by the Indiana Lincoln Union and the Indiana Department of Conservation. Contracts have been awarded and some preliminary work done but major construction activity will be delayed until spring with the work to be completed by Nov. 18, 1941. Cost of the structure will be approximately \$100,000.

The Indiana Lincoln Union was formed in 1926 by Governor Jackson to plan a national shrine at the area which included the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the site of the Lincoln cabin. This organization coordinated efforts to secure funds by public subscription for creation of the memorial and has worked with the Department of Conservation in previous development of the area, much of which was purchased by the Union and turned over to the Department.

Completes Development

Construction of the memorial building will complete the development program of the area and increase the attraction of this shrine for Hoosiers and visitors from other states. A permanent marker has been placed at the site where the Thomas Lincoln cabin stood from 1816 to 1830 but the grave has remained undisturbed—marked by a simple stone and guarded by a low iron fence that was erected a number of years ago.

Across the highway the Department of Conservation has established Lincoln State Park with an extensive picnic area, an artificial lake, hiking trails and other recreational facilities for the use of visitors.



Above is the ground plan and front elevation of the Nancy Hanks Memorial to be completed in Spencer County by November.

A Voice From The Past

Probably it was about as fitting a tribute to Abraham Lincoln as could have been devised.

It was night. Across thousands of miles of country the business of the day had ended, and a myriad homes men and women were sitting down to turn the dials of radio sets. In distant farmhouses and city apartments gleaming copper wires reached up into the darkness and picked music out of the air.

In a New York broadcasting studio a man was reading Ida Tarbell's heart-warming little story, "He Knew Lincoln." Now and then he would pause, and echoes of the music that was woven through the days of Lincoln's career went through the air—negro spirituals, shrill fifes playing tunes that once sounded in time to the march of thousands of tramping feet. Then the even voice of the reader would pick up the tale again.

No one knows just how many people tuned in on this program. But those who did experienced a new kind of tribute. For the moment, Lincoln was not just a name, a hallowed tradition; he was a living presence, hovering in the air over eastern city and western prairie.

There was something peculiarly intimate about it. You sat in your living room, you turned a dial—and all of a sudden Lincoln became alive and real before you. You forgot that you were only hearing a skilled elocutionist reading a book; for the time you actually were listening to an old man relating his conversations with Lincoln. You felt, somehow, that you were hearing something authentic and real.

Then, as the story ended, came the haunting harmonies of an old-time negro spiritual. These died away, and Handel's "Largo" welled up into the room, rising slowly, powerfully, in tones of unspeakable sadness and unspeakable triumph, as if some unseen organ were pealing out a requiem to a great conqueror.

The illusion was perfect. You were not drawing music and words out of a mechanical contrivance; the air of America was filled with a great chorus in honor of the homely, ungainly man who was born in a wilderness hovel and grew up in a raw frontier town. It was as if the Illinois prairies themselves were giving voice.

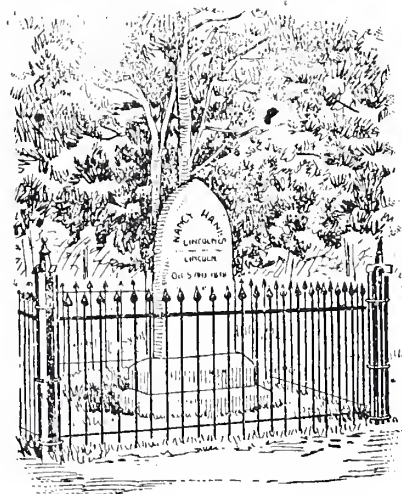
And it was not Lincoln alone. In this chorus were represented all the figures, large and small, of Lincoln's day, the day when the country bred giants: There were marching armies, blue and gray, moving steadily to the sound of fife and drum. There were distant trumpet calls from ancient fields where golden youth was poured out in dauntless heroism. Grant was there, and Seward, and Davis, and Lee, the courtliest, most knightly figure America ever produced.

It was the perfect tribute, finer even than the marble-pillared memorial that looks out over the lagoon in Washington. The air of America, for an hour, was singing and speaking.

THE GRAVE OF LINCOLN'S MOTHER.

The Desolate Spot Where Rest the Remains of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

It adds but one more to the many sad dening facts in the early boyhood of Abraham Lincoln to state that the location selected by his father in Indiana was in many respects almost the poorest he could have found in the new state. Spencer county is, it is true, a region of great natural wealth, and is today inhabited by a very intelligent and prosperous people, but Thomas Lincoln located in a district which was not only the most unhealthy in the county, but certain to be the last devel-



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A few hundred yards southwest of the station the land rises to a timbered ridge. On the summit of that ridge, in a forest where every native tree still stood, visitors were pointed to four magnificent oaks forming a small quadrangle. Exactly in the center of that quadrangle, said the old citizens, Lincoln's mother was buried, but down to 1879 there was not a sign to distinguish it from any other spot in the forest. In that year, according to Messrs. Nicolay and Hay, Mr. P. E. Studebaker, of South Bend, Ind., placed there a monument with this inscription:

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Mother of President Lincoln.
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An iron fence protects the grave from what has befallen others on that hilltop—that of a wallowing place for hogs. Some kind hand has transplanted a few roses upon the grave and carried some pot flowers there, but each has fared badly for want of proper sunshine. And such, according to the latest correspondent to visit the spot, is the present condition of the grave of the great Liberator's mother.

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Honor Nancy Hanks on Son's Birthday

LINCOLN CITY, Ind., Feb. 9.—(AP) —Ceremonies will be held Saturday at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, near here, in observance of the birthday of her son, former President Abraham Lincoln, who lived in Lincoln City from 1816 to 1830.

Ivor J. Robinson, Boonville public schools superintendent, will speak. School children, the Boonville Press club, the Southwestern Indiana Civic association and the Indiana Lincoln union will place wreaths on Mrs. Lincoln's grave.

**Decorates Nancy
Hanks Grave
for 29th Time**

ROCKPORT, May 27.—(Special)—For 29 straight years Mrs. Bess Woolfolk of Grandview has gathered flowers grown at the old Hammond tannery, a place frequently visited by Abraham Lincoln, and has placed them on the grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at Lincoln park, in behalf of the Spencer county Historical society. This year she placed a wreath containing 86 flowers on the grave.

Spencer County Couriers, Pa.

Nancy Lincoln Shrine Planned

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—A national memorial shrine will be raised to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at Lincoln City, Ind. (Spencer County), it was announced by Governor Edward Jackson. At the same time he announced the appointment of 125 prominent men and women in the state to make plans for the memorial.

had ever ordered the survey and clearing out of a wagon road to the south line of the county prior to 1830, it would have been put in evidence. Without such a road, travel by wagon was impossible. At the time the Lincolns left Indiana, the town site of Jasper was public domain. Joseph Eulen (or Enlen) entered the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 26, township one south, range five west, 80 acres, on March 12, 1830. The town plat of Jasper was laid off by the executors of the Reverend Joseph Kundeck on the north half of the above 80 acres in the month of September, 1830. Elizabeth—or Dale—was laid off on April 26, 1843."

Briefly summarized, the evidence collected by the Boonville Lincoln Route Association, (which also includes the stray ox incident as told by Baker), is upheld by Hon. William Fortune of Indianapolis, who as a Warrick county boy in 1880 had gone with General James C. Veatch of Rockport to interview surviving friends of the Lincolns. Mr. Fortune—who has given valuable assistance to Miss Ida Tarbell and other nationally known Lincoln biographers—wrote to Mr. Barker under date of December 4, 1925, saying:

"Your facts on the subject of the Lincoln Route should at least be given the chance for preservation in the Southwestern Indiana Historical society's records. I am convinced that your information is correct, and this is supported by such testimony as I gathered. I particularly asked some of the old residents of Centryville in what direction the Lincolns traveled when they started from there to Illinois. They answered unhesitatingly and very positively that 'they went that way,' pointing down the road that led toward Boonville. I certainly do not believe they went by way of Jasper. I hope you will add your information regarding the route to your other excellent historical contributions."

REMEMBERING LINCOLN.

OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL significance, there was much in the addresses delivered at the Lincoln day meeting held last night in Memorial home worthy of especial mention.

The virtues of Lincoln were extolled by the various speakers. The air of America, for a couple of hours, was singing and speaking of this great man whose birth anniversary the people of the United States celebrated Sunday and Monday.

It seems that it was an act of a Kind Providence that gave Lincoln to the nation during the dark days of the Civil War; he has been referred to by historians and other writers as the nation's greatest president and no doubt the people will always think of him as such.

An ungainly man, who was born in a wilderness hovel and grew up in a raw frontier town; a man who was not blessed with education, only that which he received from his mother and that which he gained himself.

Abraham Lincoln made many speeches during his public career; his address at Gettysburg, unprepared, was one of the greatest ever delivered by any statesman. He made many famous remarks, but none has touched the hearts of the people more than that when he said:

"All that I am, all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Cass county is now called upon to subscribe its quota of funds to build a memorial to Abraham Lincoln. It is hoped that there will be a ready response.



Mall leading from the parking area to the grave

NANCY HANKS LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND LINCOLN STATE PARK ARE SHRINES

Attain National Prominence as Hoosier Background for Boyhood Years of the "Great Emancipator"—Many Visitors

IN THE setting where Abraham Lincoln spent fourteen years as a boy and young man, Indiana has created a memorial and a park which have become national shrines and are visited annually by thousands.

It was to the rolling, wooded hills of Spencer county that Thomas Lincoln brought his family in 1816 and it was from a rude cabin on one of these knolls that the body of Nancy Hanks Lincoln was carried to the grave on a nearby hilltop. For fourteen years—until 1830—when the family moved westward into Illinois, Thomas Lincoln operated his farm and the boy who was to become President, grew to manhood.

Within the memorial area, dedicated to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is located the grave and a marker designating the site of the Lincoln cabin. Across the highway and including the farm tilled by Thomas Lincoln, is Lincoln state park with its wooded acres, miles of winding trails and drives, a lake and facilities for picnic outings.

Both the park and the memorial area are easily accessible to the motorist, located at Lincoln City, just a short distance from Roads 45 and 62 at Dale and Gentryville. The surrounding area is rich in the Lincoln tradition and it was only a few miles away that Abraham Lincoln operated his ferry across Anderson Creek.

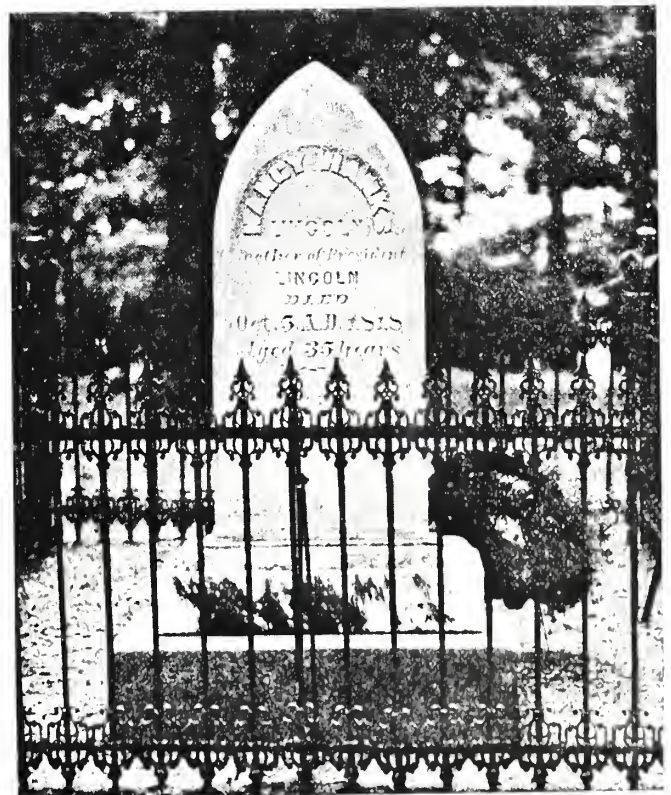
Stone pillars beside the highway mark the entrance to the memorial area and a towering flagpole rises from a landscaped section around which the roadway divides. A bronze tablet at the edge of the parking area informs the visitor,

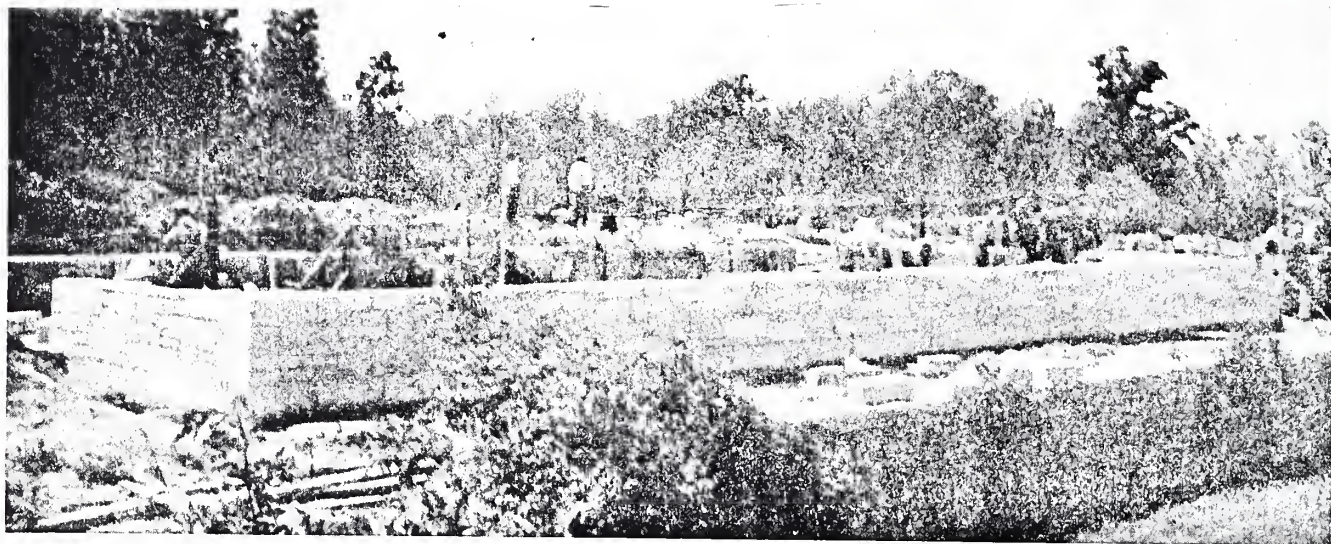
"YOU ARE FACING THE WOODED KNOLL ON WHICH SLEEPS NANCY HANKS LINCOLN, MOTHER OF THE PRESIDENT WHO LIVED IN THIS HOOSIER ENVIRONMENT DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE FROM 1816 TO 1830.

"BEYOND, TO THE NORTH, IS MARKED THE SITE OF THE HUMBLE LOG CABIN WHERE SHE LED HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE ALONG THE PATH TO GREATNESS."

The grave is surrounded by a simple iron fence and in the immediate vicinity are stones mark-

The simple marker at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.





Walls of the Commemorative Building are rising rapidly.

Commemorative Building Cornerstone Laid During Impressive Ceremonies

Work Progressing Rapidly on Structure to Complete Development of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial—Governor Was Speaker

"WE ARE erecting a memorial to those great and simple virtues exemplified in the life of Abraham Lincoln: love of home, love of country, and love of God," Governor Henry F. Schricker pointed out in his address at the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial when the cornerstone for the new Commemorative Building was laid May 20.

"Surely we may feel," he continued, "that we are on sacred ground. It contains the mortal remains of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and it was pressed for fourteen years by the bare feet of Abraham Lincoln. From it grew the bread that formed his bones as a growing boy. Surely we may feel that we are in spirit associating here with Nancy Hanks and Abraham Lincoln. We are erecting here a shrine to Motherhood and to the family hearthstone. We are memorializing democracy and religion.

"Here we pledge ourselves anew to freedom and

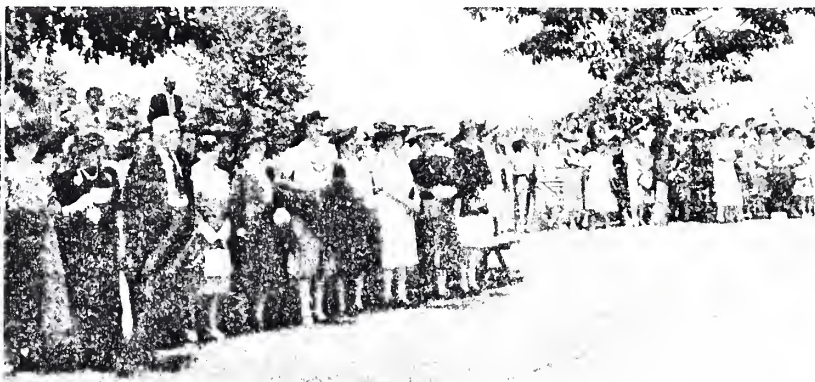
union, to the cause of popular government and the American way of life and refresh ourselves anew with the principles of life that formed our pioneers."

The address of Governor Schricker was the concluding event of an impressive program marking the laying of the cornerstone for the building which will complete a development program inaugurated a quarter of a century ago when Governor Ed Jackson by proclamation created the Indiana Lincoln Union, "to pay off a debt of long standing which the people of our state owe to the memory of the greatest American whose life in the formative stage of his youth was spent in Indiana—Abraham Lincoln."

The program, like the memorial itself, was presented jointly by the Department of Conservation and the Indiana Lincoln Union. Frank N. Wallace,

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Left—Participants in the program: Col. Richard Lieber, chairman executive committee, Indiana Lincoln Union; Former Governor Ed Jackson; Governor Henry F. Schricker; J. I. Holcomb, president, Indiana Lincoln Union; Frank N. Wallace, acting commissioner, Department of Conservation. Right—Part of the crowd attending the ceremonies.





Left—J. I. Holcomb, chairman, and other speakers on the platform. Right—Some of the limestone cut and stacked for use in completing walls of the Commemorative Building.

Commemorative Building Cornerstone

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acting commissioner of the Department of Conservation, served as temporary chairman, and J. I. Holcomb, president of the Indiana Lincoln Union, as permanent chairman. These two were in active charge of the cornerstone laying, assisted by Miss Patsy Ann Yellig of Mariah Hill and Joe Allen Hevron of Lincoln City, who represented the thousands of Hoosier school children that contributed to funds for development of the memorial.

Special music for the occasion was given by the crack Tell City High School Band, directed by William Schergens; and by the Dale Sextette, which was composed of the Misses Mary Linhardt, Florence Winkler, Melba Winkler, Helen Hemmer, Mary Wilma McCallister and Jean McGlothlin and directed by Miss Garnette Hull.

The Rev. William A. Fleenor, pastor of the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, which is now within the park boundaries and in the burial ground in which is the grave of Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, sister of Abraham Lincoln, gave the invocation. The benediction, the prayer for the welfare of the Republic, written by the first Catholic bishop of the United States, was read by the Rev. Cornelius Walde, O. S. B. of the St. Meinrad College.

Among distinguished guests introduced were: Mr. Herbert Evinson, Washington, D. C., assistant supervisor of Recreation and Land Planning for the National Park Service, who represented the Hon. Newton B. Drury, director of the National Park Service; Mr. Lee Lawrie, noted architectural sculptor, who is a consultant for the sculpture panels on the cloistered walk at the Commemorative Building; Mr. Richard E. Bishop, architect for the memorial structure; and Mr. Noble P. Hollister, Indiana inspector for the National Park Service.

Messages were read from Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator and former Governor of Indiana; from M. Clifford Townsend, of the Office of Production Management and former Governor of Indiana; from James J. McEntee, director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and from A. E. Demaray, acting director of the National Park Service.

Three brief talks were given on the theme of "Building the Memorial," with former Governor Ed Jackson, Col. Richard Lieber, and V. M. Simmons as the speakers.

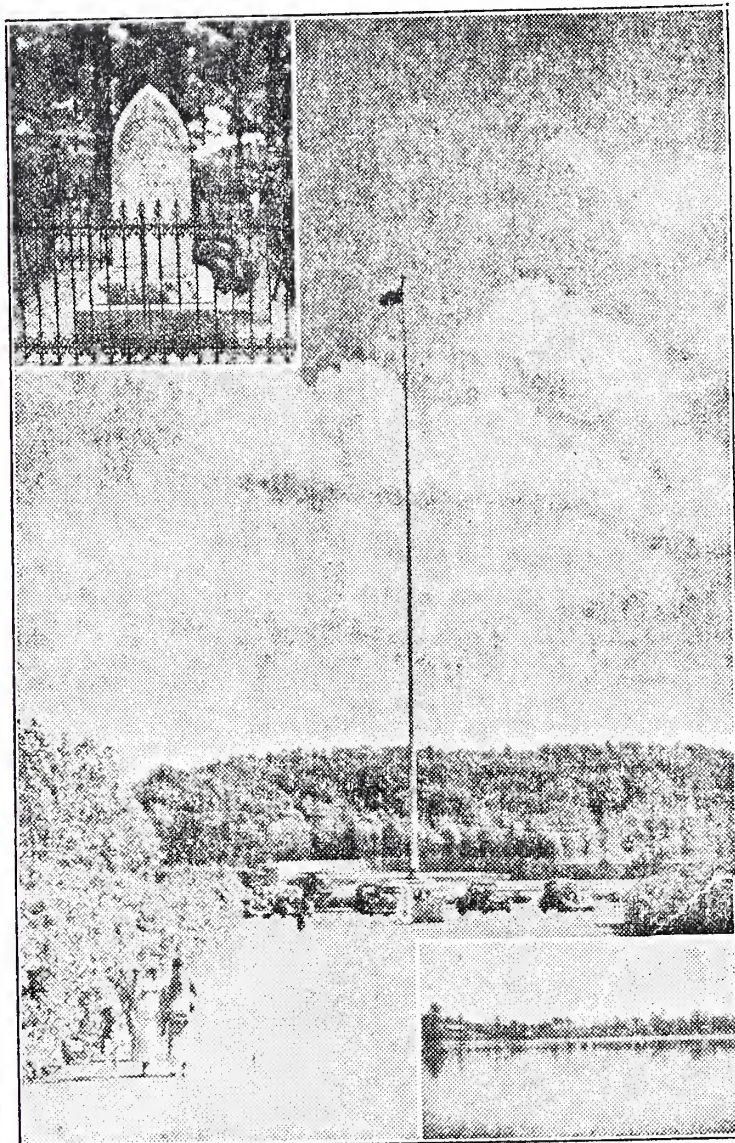
In his remarks Mr. Jackson, who represented the state, reviewed conditions which led to his proclamation on December 22, 1926, establishing the Indiana Lincoln Union as a civilian agency through which, "We will proceed to pay off a debt of long standing to the greatest American whose life in the formative stage of his youth was spent in Indiana." He also spoke in tribute to the Hoosier pioneers and declared that the memorial will become "a shrine for future generations of our country to renew their allegiance to Democracy and to the pioneer virtues."

Speaking as the representative of the Indiana Lincoln Union, Col. Richard Lieber, chairman of the Union's executive committee, reviewed the activities of that organization. "It is not necessary," he said, "to remind you how dismal and depressing the scene looked at that time. There were in possession of the state twenty acres around this little country graveyard. But fifteen years of faithful application to the self-imposed task have wrought a great change. The acreage alone has expanded by 1,750 acres. Woods and waters have received attention. The symbol of the Lincoln family's cabin has been placed. The old highway was obliterated, thus joining again the abodes of the living and the dead. The dignity of Nancy Hanks' grave has been enhanced by the recognition that her's was only one of many such resting places of her pioneer neighbors. As far as possible the little country graveyard was restored.

"As we approach the grave this year we see the beginning of great activity toward completing our task by the erection of the final memorial structure. Elsewhere, mills are preparing the materials. All of it: limestone, sandstone, yellow poplar and wild cherry is our own native material. Large private, state and federal funds have made the completion possible. Let us guard jealously the wise policy of our Department of Conservation to provide for continued maintenance of this and all other places of public pride, patriotic endeavor and wholesome enjoyment of our common possessions.

"As we are nearing the completion of our task,

Lincoln Memorial and State Park Visited by Thousands Annually



Amid the rolling hills of Spencer county, where Abraham Lincoln spent seven of his boyhood years, Indiana has created the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial and Lincoln State park. These adjoining areas of more than a thousand acres include the grave of Nancy Hanks, the site of the Lincoln cabin and other scenes of historical interest.

The memorial and park are separated by road 162 near Lincoln City and are easily accessible from any part of Indiana over improved state highways.

In recent years, aided by the Civilian Conservation corps, the department of conservation has carried on an extensive improvement program in both the park and the memorial area. From the highway the visitor approaches the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln along a landscaped allee and a winding path. The grave is guarded by an unassuming marker and a low iron fence. The surrounding area has the simple impressiveness of a natural setting with squirrels and birds showing little fear of the visitor.

The path by which the grave is

reached continues to a neighboring hilltop where a permanent marker designates the site of the cabin to which Thomas Lincoln brought his family from Kentucky in 1816. Here a low stone wall surrounds the bronze logs which mark the location of the cabin. The original hearthstones, unearthed on the site when the marker was being placed, are included.

Across the highway is Lincoln state park, where thousands of visitors enjoy the foot trails and the recreational facilities. An artificial lake has been created to provide opportunities for fishing and boating. Below the dam are a series of fish hatchery ponds, operated this year, in which fish are propagated to stock the lake and neighboring streams.

The park has attractive picnic areas with shelter houses, outdoor ovens, tables and benches and convenient supplies of pure water. A children's playground is one of the popular attractions of the park.

The memorial area and the park constitute a national shrine, being visited each year by thousands of tourists from other states.

